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To let: des. res. with royal neighbours. Only £20,000 a year

By RACHEL KELLY

THE QUEEN has turned to that the Queen has gone to the the commercial property maropen market to let properties ket to let a redundant farmon her private estate, tenanhouse on her private estate at cies are usually granted to Sandringham in Norfolk. established estate workers or Ling House, a six-bedroom to personal friends. But in both her public and private property four miles from the

life, the Queen is under pres-Queen's favourite holiday retreat, will appear in next sure to run her affairs with week's Country Life magazine ever-increasing efficiency. on offer at £20,000 a year for a live-year term, well above the Next week's advertisement will say simply that Ling going rate for the area. Would-be tenants are likely to House is being let on the instructions of the Sandringsubject to strict vetting, and ham estate. Andrew Jones, of will have to provide cast-iron estate agents Glegg Kennedy

character references. Drew at Stamford, Lincolnthough it is not the first time shire, who are handling the let, said vesterday: "I purposely kept the word 'royal' out of the advertisement, otherwise the phones would never have stopped ringing." Royal sources said yester

day that houses on the Queen's private estate were advertised "from time to time", and that they were let by whatever means was appropriate.

Ling House has been renovated and redecorated recent-



Ling House: premium rental reflects royal cachet

alarm system. All reception rooms have open fireplaces; large walled gardens are partly laid to lawn and there is an established orchard. Extensive outbuildings include a

games room, office and tack room. The house was previously occupied by a tenant farmer on the estate The new tenant will not be

able to drive in and out of

hought by Queen Victoria for a wayward Prince of Wales in the forlorn hope that it would lure him away from the fleshpots of London. Estate agents in Norfolk said yesterday that the level of rent reflected Ling House's royal cachet. David Bedford,

Sandringham's ornate

wrought iron gates: the house

has its own drive several

miles from the main house

of Bedfords estate agents in Burnham Market, said: "The going rate for that kind of property round here is more like £14-15,000. But I think the

agents are right that would-be tenants are prepared to pay a become a royal neighbour." Mark Stewart of Bidwells estates agents in Norwich, said: "Someone will be prepared to pay extra for the fact that the house is in excellent condition and the estate is very well kept up. The house is in a lovely spot. It is completely surrounded by countryside and at the end of

a track." Sandringham estate, like Balmoral is the Queen's pri-vate property, and therefore

forced to suspend all discon-

nections after thousands of

customers got red final warnings before receiving

their bills. Some of those

customers have even received disconnection notices, the

company admitted last night.

the problems are limited to its

Leeds and East Anglia admin-

istrative areas, which cover up

customers. But as a precau-

ed anywhere for non-payment until the end of next month,

By that time it is hoped the

teething problems", a result

of the introduction of a £150

million computerised billing

network, will be resolved, a

spokeswoman said. The new

system will not be fully in

place until the end of the year.

cil estimates that 15,000 people

in East Anglia may have been sent a red reminder before

their first blue bill. British Gas

says the problems in this area

have been resolved, but an

The Gas Consumers Coun-

the company has said.

British Gas says it believes

balance sheet. But it is understood to run at a modest profit. The estate runs to 20,000 acres, of which threequarters is let to local tenant farmers, while the Queen's own farm extends to 3,300 acres. There are more than 100 houses which are let.

The Queen's own farm is thought to be a particularly lively commercial enterprise. sellings peas and beans to Bird's Eye for freezing, and blackcurrants to SmithKline Beecham for making into

estimated at a few hundred.

"As far as we know there are no problems elsewhere," the

British Gas spokeswoman said. There may be some

isolated areas we are not yet

aware of. In any case, you can

be sure we will not be cutting

you off during the month of

October." But Ian Powe, direc-

in some cases disconnections

had been wrongly disconnect-

ed, saying the lengthy process

of disconnection included a

personal visit to the non-

payer. Customers who believe

they have been wrongly treat-

ed are urged to contact the

Earlier this week similar

computer problems emerged

at British Gas's service opera-

tion, with claims that large

numbers of customers with

expensive service contracts had found it impossible to

report faults. The company

said most calls were being

company directly.

British Gas denied anyone

have been similarly affected.

British Gas halts

disconnections

in billing chaos

By Martin Waller BRITISH GAS has been tomers in and around Leeds.

to four million of its 18 million . Council, said he believed that

Major not for turning on euro-currency

BY PHILLP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR yesterday told politicians trying to move him from his wait-and-see policy on the single currency that they were wasting their time

and their breath. single currency dispute before the party conference the week after next, the Prime Minister issued his strongest declaration that the policy agreed by the Cabinet earlier this year

would not change.

"If anybody thinks they are roiling me off my position of until I am absolutely certain that I have wrung everything out of those negotiations in the British interest then they are wasting their time and their

The single currency negotiations are expected to continue throughout 1997 and into 1998, well beyond the expected election date of May next year.

But Mr Major's words were also designed to prepare the ground for a shift of emphasis in the way he and other ministers defend the policy of refusing to rule out a single currency.

Downing Street sources are making plain that Mr Major's passion about staying in the talks was both about defending Britain's interests and about putting himself in the best position to warn other European countries about the dangers of pressing ahead

with monetary union in 1900. At Thursday's Cabinet meeting Mr Major issued a lengthy warning of the obstacles in the way of monetary union and its potential pitfalls.

He is preparing a paper for the Government on the issue.

But his view is also that if an inner core of countries press ahead with an ill-prepared monetary union, much dam-... and other countries in the European Union. Britain will he holding the presidency of the EU early in 1998 when the decision about which countries are in the first wave is taken and may even then be in a position to organise an attempt to delay the start of the single currency, some minis-

Mr Major told the Cabinet that big questions had to be answered about monetary union: what would be the impact of a single currency on enlarging the EU, a key British objective; and what would be the relationship between those countries inside and outside a monetary union.

In an interview yesterday with the Reading Evening Post. Mr Major strongly de-fended his policy of staying in the talks. He said: "So I will listen to the noises off, whether from my party or the Labour party, but when I determine European policy I will do what think is right for the

Keeping Britain out of the talks would be indefensible.
"How could I defend it to the farmer? How could I defend it to the businessman? How could I defend it to the City? Suppose I had ruled it out and you had said to me: They are going to take decisions on this next year, aren't they Prime Minsiter? And I would say

'Yes' and you would say: 'But you have ruled yourself out of it haven't you? How can you complain if they do things you

don't approve of?" I cannot."

Senior Tory sources believe not the one favoured by most of the party, holds the best hope of maintaining unity in the Government. They believe that any attempt to rule out the single currency would lead to the resignation of Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine. Although they fear that ministers will be in for a rough time over Europe at the Bournemouth conference. they believe that the bowing to the sceptics and ruling out a single currency would provoke a party split that would ruin any chances of recovery before the election.

□ Italian 'eurotax': Italy approved a no-nonsense budget sterday in a headlong rush to sign up for a single European currency, but economists said they fear the measures could fand the economy in fullblown recession. Professor Romano Prodi, the Prime Minister, said after a 10-hour Cabinet meeting that the heart of the budget would slice 37 trillion lire (£152 billion) from the public sector deficit. An extra 13 trillion lire would be raised from a one-off Eurotax and a further 12 trillion would

operations". But economists said a hefty dose of new taxes could deal a body blow to an economy already struggling in the face of flat consumer demand and flagging exports. (Reuter)



Karmele Ereno, the Basque girlfriend of the shot IRA suspect, in London

In a statement, issued after

have a full and proper picture before judging him. Instead,

those who accused him took

the law into their own hands

Girl who loved IRA man

By Adrian Lee

THIS is the first published picture of Karmele Ereno, the Basque girlfriend of Diarmuid O"Neill the suspected IRA terrorist shot dead by police in

Yesterday, the former Engbe squeezed from "treasury lish language student was believed to be in hiding in her home town of Amorebieta, near Bilbao, as O'Neill's parents made their first statemnt about their son's death. Eoghan and Theresa O'Neill, from County Cork,

rioter picked-up pieces of brain and wrapped them in

his shirt for burial as others

around him shouted "Allahu

Israeli paramilitary police-

men killed in clashes in the

West Bank town of Tulkarm.

Just outside the normally

peaceful oasis town of Jericho,

Akbar" (God is Greater). Six of yesterday's victims were Palestinians and two

who once lived in Fulham, He had been a loving son and said they would "grieve for they would have stood by him him for the rest of their lives". even if convicted. O'Neill was a regular visitor

to the northern Spanish industhe release yesterday of their trial community, where he was known as Ginger, Senorita Ercno, a Basque other son, Shane, 23, on bail, they said: "Our eldest son, Diarmuid, was never arrested: he can never be tried, separatist sympathiser, arrinor can he be acquitted or ved in England in 1993 and convicted other than by the was a pupil at a West London press who have not waited to language school where this

> being held last night. Basques mourn, Page 3

photograph was taken. Four other men were still

BBC in US deal

The BBC is negotiating with two US-controlled companies to launch at least six pay-TV channels there and three in Britain next year Page 25

The Times on the Internet http://www.the-times.co.uk



Dangerous slide towards war Najibullah in Middle East continues

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

AT LEAST eight more people died yesterday in the worst violence between Palestinians and Israelis for three decades. The total death toll is now nearly 70, and Israel's army chief gave a warning that scores of Israeli tanks stationed in the West Bank and Gaza would be used against the Palestinians if the violence grew worse.

Lieutenant-General Amnon Shahak said: "I can only hope we will not have to use the ranks but, if they force us, we will use them as necessary." At same time American-led diplomatic efforts continued to bring about an urgent peace

meeting between Binyamin

Minister, and Yassir Arafat, President of the Palestinian Authority, John Major, President Chirac of France and Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, also made a joint appeal to the two leaders. The dangerous slide to-

wards war was increased by Palestinian emotions stirred when Israeli riot squads stormed the Temple Mount, site of the holy al-Aqsa musque, and fought pitched battles with stone-throwing Palestinian worshippers. Three Palestinians were killed in the exchanges and more than 60 wounded.

In the compund, revered by Muslims around the world as the third holiest spot after

executed by rebels FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS Mecca and Medina, a bearded

IN LAHORE AND ZAHID HUSSAIN IN ISLAMABAD

THE hardline Taleban Islamic militia took control of Kabul, the Afghan capital, yesterday and immediately former president Najibullah. His banered body was left hanging by the neck from a concrete traffic gantry. Najibullah, a Communist, led a Russian-backed govern-

two Palestinians were shot dead by Israeli gunfire and 12 ment until he was overthrown wounded when Paleswhen anti-government rebels entered the city in April 1992. tinian demonstrators stomred remote Israeli military He attempted to escape but was caught at the airport as he tried to board a plane and had Shadow of war, page 12 been sheltering inside a Uni-Arafat's anger, page 13 ted Nations compound ever David Pryce-Jones, page 20



Najibullah: shot dead

since. He kept in touch with his family by telephone. Crowds of Afghans came out to see the body hanging beside that of Shahpur Ahmadza, Najibullah's brother and former security chief who had taken asylum with him after their overthow. Both had been shot beforehand.

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By JILL SHERMAN CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BARONESS CASTLE of Blackburn last night accused Harriet Harman of "talking through her hat" and attempting to "put the frighteners" on trade unions over the thorny issue of state pensions. Lady Castle, who is leading the campaign to raise state pensions in line with earnings, also hit out at Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, claiming that he was behind a Labour betrayal of the welfare state.

Ms Harman, the Shadow Social Security Secretary seeking to avert a defeat on pensions at the party conference on Wednesday, said that Lady Castle's plans would reduce occupa-The battle between old Labour and

tional schemes by £550 per person.

new Labour looks set to dominate the party conference in Blackpool next week with damaging rows over child benefit and taxation, as well as pensions. The leadership faces possible defeat over its plans to scrap child benefit for 16 to 18-year-olds and to rule out tax increases for those earning under £100,000, and its failure to raise

Lady Castle is conducting a series of television interviews to press her case for the restoration of the link between state pensions and earnings, which is reflected in a series of conference motions. Ms Harman plans to counter every interview with a defence of her plans to focus on poorer pensioners.

pensions substantially.

In an interview with Newsnight on BBC2 last night, Lady Castle insisted her plans would only cost £3.5 billion

and denied her intention was to raid occupational pension schemes. "When Harriet Harman alleges that we are proposing to abolish the rebates and thus reduce the pension fund of everybody in an occupational scheme by £550 a year, she's talking through her hat... we're not trying to take that away. Harriet Harman is going around the trade unions trying to put

the frighteners on them." She said that there was "no doubt that the force behind this, pulling everybody into line, is Gordon Brown. But why on earth should we start saying, as he's done over his child benefit policy, why give it to the millionaire? That is the classic argument of those who are against the welfare state."

In her interview Lady Castle denied

that she was trying to derail new Labour and said that she wanted Tony Blair to win the election. "I'm not a wrecker. Never have been, never will be," she said. "But I have a conscience and I couldn't die happy without putting up a fight for something which my whole history, 70 years of public life, tells me that a civilised society must have."

Meanwhile, Ms Harman repeated her warning that Labour could not afford Lady Castle's proposals. The party instead wants to target the 700,000 poorest pensioners by encouraging them to take up benefits to which they are already entitled. She made clear on The World at One on BBC Radio 4 that she was not pledging extra cash, other than that already budgeted for social security spending plans.



Baroness Castle: denied that she was a wrecker

Salmond dismisses Labour as **'old Tory'**

By Shirley English

ALEX SALMOND, the Scottish National Party leader,

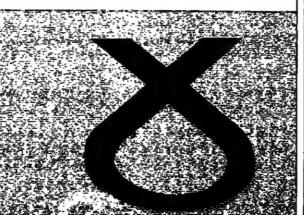
yesterday dismissed new Lab-our as nothing but "Old Tories, Tartan Tories". Addressing the SNP confer-ence in Inverness, he called on the people of Scotland to seize their destiny and choose independence: "We do not blame the English or anyone else for the current state of Scotland. The condition of Scotland is the inescapable responsibility of every adult Scot because we alone have the solution in our hands."

He told delegates that the SNP was in its strongest posi-tion ever to mount a challenge at a general election — ap-proaching 30 per cent in the polls and with more money and resources at its disposal.

An independent Scotland would prosper, he argued, citing the growth of the Irish economy. Scotland had a wealth of natural resources, an educated workforce, a well-developed industrial base and a host of natural beauties, he said. "Scotland is a small nation but we don't have to think small. Scotland will flourish when we rule

Labour had taken 100 years to fail to introduce constitu-





Alex Salmond after his conference speech yesterday

more and more obvious that now. The Labour Party has had its chance." Labour was going through an identity

tional change, he said. "It is crisis, he said. "They are not social democrats or democrat-Tories. Blair, Brown, Cook -Scotland's Tartan Tories."

By A STAFF REPORTER

RADIO listeners yesterday ac-

cused Gerry Adams, the Sinn

Fein president, of terrorist

links. Tom Hanley, a former

soldier from Sheffield, who

served in Ulster, told him on

BBC Radio 5: "You are a terrorist, or have been an

active terrorist ... you have

created a monster in Northern

Mr Adams replied: "You . .

came to my country heavily

armed as part of an army, and

then you have the audacity to

tall me a terrorist." Terry Phillips, from Wirral,

Merseyside, told fellow listen-

ers: "Hide your children from

this man, he and his organis-

Ireland in the past 25 years."

Don't go too fast Prescott, tells Blair

BY PHILIP WEBSTER

JOHN PRESCOTT has given warning that Tony Blair should not go too fast in trying to modernise Labour, or risk hitting "the buffers".

In an interview in The Times Magazine today, the party's deputy leader explains how he sees it as his role to try to influence and discuss the new ideas pushed forward by Mr Blair. Just before the annual Labour conference, Mr Prescott speaks about Mr Blair's relentless desire for change. "Tony's very strongly of the view that you just don't stop. He wants to keep the party adjusting. I think he's

right about that. The real problem is: how far do you go without derailing ... The more you pile on the change, the more people feel a little uneasy."

Mr Prescott explains that he changed his mind after origi-nally being against the rewriting of Clause 4, which had enshrined Labour's commitment to public ownership, "Blair was right. I was wrong."

He speaks warmly of his relationship with Mr Blair: "It's good to work for a leader

Labour's lawyers, page 20

children. They have done it

before and they will do it again

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Mr Adams, in London to

promote his autobiography,

Before the Dawn, answered:

There is no need to respond to

that, this man is obviously emotionally unhinged." He

insisted: "I was not, am not, a

On a Talk Radio phone-in, a

north London listener asked

Mr Adams if he thought

placing a bomb in a shopping

not want to see anyone killed

the war, by treating it as a serious political issue."

Mr Adams told him: "It is obviously an act of war. I do

What we have to do is end

centre was an act of war.

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member of the IRA.

Adams endures radio

phone-in onslaught

Cash-strapped DVLA halts tax disc checks

A Government campaign against road tax evasion has been shelved until after the general election because the Department of Transport has no money available to implement it. The revenue raising attack on tax dodgers, who cost the Treasury £160 million a year, was announced by Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, at last year's

Conservative Party conference.
Under the scheme, the Driver and Vehicle Licencing Agency was given powers to clamp cars which had not been taxed and fine their owners. A trial in west London this year was judged an unqualified success after 6,000 more licence discs than usual were bought in the London area in two months. However, plans to extend the scheme to the rest of Britain, have been put on ice because of spending constraints. The project has been shown to pay for itself many times over, but the extra revenue raised goes to the Treasury, which will not pass the money to the DVLA.

Stonehenge reprieved

Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, announced that plans for a dual carriageway through the Stonehenge site. opposed by archaeological and heritage groups, will not be implemented. He added that the most widely supported option, a £300 million tunnel under the stones, was too expensive. This effectively postpones a decision on rerouting the A303 until after the general election.

Mother fights baby order

A mother who is refusing to allow doctors to perform a liver transplant on her baby is appealing against a High Court order requiring her to return her son to Britain for surgery. The 27-year-old woman, who left the country when a suitable transplant became available, claims that when her son was seven months old she was "coerced" into signing a hospital consent form for him to have the operation.

Ulster labour of love

George Mitchell said yesterday that his chairmanship of the Northern Ireland multi-party talks was a labour of love. In his first interview for a British or Irish paper since taking up the post in June, the former US Senator said he had come to admire the people of Northern Ireland despite slow progress at the talks. He told the Belfast Telegraph: "My living expenses are paid. That's the extent of it ... I am a volunteer."

Scout leader jailed

A Scout leader was jailed for seven years at the Old Bailey for sexually abusing eight boys. Brian Jupp, 57, a former photographer from Surrey, admitted 14 charges of indecent behaviour covering ten years. Paul Dodgson, for the prosecution, said: "He was unbelievably nice and everybody liked him." David Lane, QC, defending, said Jupp was abused as a child, once by a parish priest.

Revenge's tangled web

An air traffic controller whose wife left him took revenge on his arachnaphobic rival by dangling a five-inch spider in front of him. Kevin Knight had trouble sleeping and had to be prescribed tranquillisers after Tony Smith threw the spider at him. Smith admitted causing actual bodily harm. The hearing at Salisbury Magistrates' Court was adjourned for pre-sentence reports.

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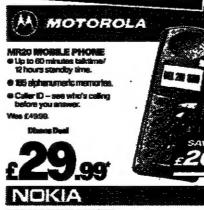
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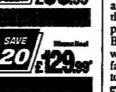


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ation maim and kill British BA staff in regions face 33% pay cut

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT AIR CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Airways is consider-ing a pay cut of more than a third for hundreds of staff to save millions of pounds and make its regional operations profitable. The airline recently announced an overall profit of £585 million.

Nearly 1,000 cabin crew and ground staff have already been given detailed proposals of reductions in basic pay. They are the only direct employees of British Airways Regional, which operates a fleet of 31 aircraft on routes in the UK and Europe.

All other staff - pilots. engineers, baggage handlers, sales staff and managers are technically employed by the main British Airways comparry and "sub-contracted" to BAR. Now those employees working at regional airports face a pay cut as part of a tough new campaign to make every section of the airline financially successful.

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An old man begs: 'Please give me a picture of him — this Irishman is our new hero'

In a Basque bar, the Irish tricolour is draped in black

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN AMOREBIETA

BASQUE separatists had a summer for the fiestas. You new hero to toast last night as the region commemorated the anniversary of the last two Eta terrorists to be executed in

Diarmuid O'Neill, 27, who was shot dead by a marksman during last Tuesday's police raids in London, was the boyfriend of Karmele Ereño, also 27, the only daughter of a well-to-do family in Amorebieta, near Bilbao.

"My God, that's Ginger," gasped a young assistant at newspaper report. "I can't haired girl was either a fervent believe it. He was here in the radical or even suspected of

couldn't miss him - with his red hair and his height." Señora Ereño, who lives on

the fifth floor of a modern apartment block adjoining the tiny single track railway station, was last seen by a neighbour on Monday, hours before O'Neill was killed. Both came from middle to upper class families with no known connections with political violence. No one in the town, a hotbed of Basque nationalism, could say for sure yesterday that the dark-

Gerry Adams several times and is a great admirer. He compared the killing of O'Neill, who was unarmed. with "the dirty wars" waged by the Spanish Gal antiterrorist unit against Eta. The separatist leader, who has been jailed six times, said the IRA and Eta had in common the right to demand selfdetermination. He said, with a wry smile, that he did not know whether they collaborat-

belonging to Eta. But, by

apparent coincidence, she

lives in the same building as

Jon Idigoras, 60, the fiery leader of Eta's political wing, Herri Batasuna (People's Uni-

ty). Señor Idigoras, who is the

Gerry Adams of the Basques,

claimed he did not know

Señora Ereño personally and had not met O'Neill. "My message to the family is from

a town that is suffering the same problem as the Irish and

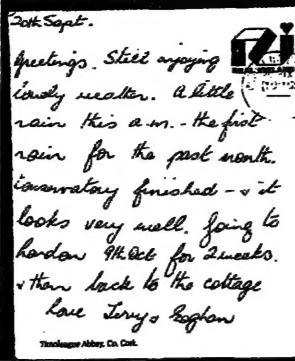
is of absolute solidarity," he

said as he walked his dog

between tenement blocks and

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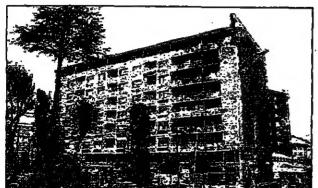
At the social club, Herriko Taberna (the People's Tavern), the Irish tricolour and the Basque national flag, the Ikurrina, were draped with



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"A little rain ... the conservatory finished": domestic familiarity on a postcard sent to Karmele Ereño by Diarmuid O'Neill's parents



The flats in Amorebieta, home to Ereño and Idigoras

black on the wooden panelled walls. The Irish nationalist song, A Nation Once Again. was belting out of the loudspeakers and Sinn Fein lapel pins were on sale alongside those from Central American revolutionaries. It was from here that friends

of O'Neill and his girlfriend placed a death notice in the local separatist paper, Egin. "Please give me a picture of him," an old man had begged outside in the street, refusing to give his name. "My son is serving 15 years for being with Eta. This Irishman is our new

The barmaid, Mireira, gave

her approval of violence, "Unfortunately, I did not have the privilege of meeting Ginger," she said, pointing to pictures on the wall of local lads in prison or shot by police for terrorist activities.

Near by, Señora Ereño's sister-in-law said: "I feel as though I have lost a brotherin-law." She refused to say where the suspected IRA man's lover was hiding.

O'Neill's parents had sent a card from their home in Co Cork to his girlfriend just three days before he was killed. Yesterday it was waiting for her at home.

Zornotza, the Basque name for Amorebieta. Señora Ereño has two brothers. Her mother died a decade ago and her father, a senior manager at the local aluminium factory, died

three years ago aged 62. "She was determined to make a go of it on her own and went to London to learn English," said Josefina Beaseoechea, who runs the case under the family apartment. "Her father doted on her."

In this tough community, united by the fight against high unemployment and support for, or fear of, Eta, even the British owner of the local Chiswick School of English, refused to give his name. "She enrolled for classes during the last two years but spent most of her time in London."

She was a pupil at a small

London in September 1993, where she completed a five-week course. One of her former tutors there said: "She was a perfectly pleasant girl who was very keen to learn." It was in a London pub that she is believed to have met O'Neill, who later moved in

with her. Yesterday a makeshift flame burned, as it did in all Basque towns, at a crossroads in remembrance of the executed Basque terrorists. It will not be long before O'Neill's picture joins theirs on the wall of the People's Tavern.

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in crowd picks up the baton

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

AN ORCHESTRA whose conductor fell ill in the middle of a performance struck lucky when there was not only a doctor in the house, but also a conductor.

lapsed in pain during the interval of a concert by the English Symphony Orchestra at Cheltenham Town Hall, leaving the 49-piece orchestra without their conductor of 16 vears at the helm.

Fortunately Lawrence Foster. an internationally renowned American conductor, was at the concert with a friend. Realising what had happened, he offered to help and, in casual shirt and trousers, conducted the orchestra through Mozart's Piano Concerto No 15 and Haydn's

London Symphony. Mr Foster, a musical director of the Barcelona Sympho-ny Orchestra who has conducted orchestras around the world, was in Britain to settle his daughter into a school in Oxford. He had decided to attend the Cheltenham concert to watch his friend, the piano soloist Radu Lupu, play, and was back-stage when he heard a call for a doctor in the house.

During the frenzied activity that followed he realised the orchestra was left without a conductor and volunteered his

Mr Boughton, who founded the Malvern-based English Symphony Orchestra, was taken to hospital where he was found to have a kidney stone. He was given painkillers and was resting yesterday.

Conductor | Foster parents of sex-attack boy to sue council

BY IAN MURRAY

A COUNCIL is facing legal action from the loster parents of a disturbed teenager who sexually assaulted their four

The parents claim Essex County Council failed to give advance warning the 15-year-old boy they were asked to foster had a background of indecent assault. He assaulted all four of their children, all then aged under 12, before they found out what he was doing. The council denies liability although it has offered the couple an out-ofcourt settlement, which the

family has turned down. Unless Essex is prepared to accept liability and agree a higher level of compensation, the family is threatening to take the authority and the social worker who placed the boy to the High Court.

The council said in a state-ment yesterday: The matter was fully investigated by our social services department two years ago. It is currently in the hands of our insurers and there is nothing more we can

say at this stage."
The couple have split up as a result of what happened and the four children have needed extensive psychiatric treat-ment. The boy, who pleaded guilty to indecent assault at a juvenile court, has been sent to

a young offenders' centre. The parents had considerable experience with children in need of care, having served as unqualified carers for a number of years at hostels and play schemes run by the council. That meant they were accepted onto a register of people prepared to look after

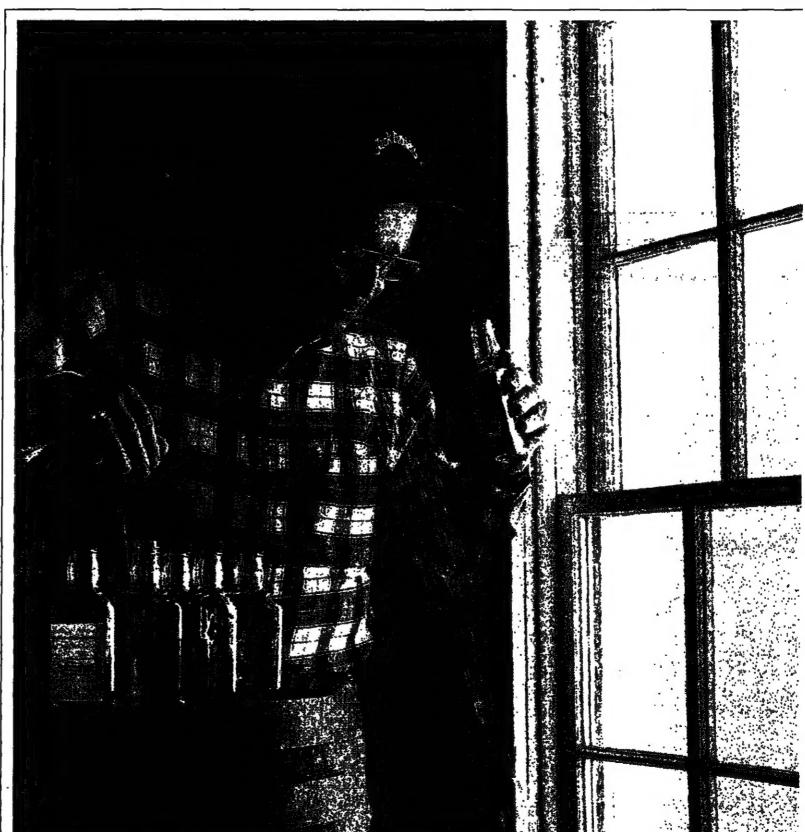
difficult teenagers, including those who had been sexually abused. During their two months' training they were told that although they would be given difficult children they would never have to care for

ger to their family. They had successfully for tered six teenagers before being asked to take on for a six-week assessment the thin, bespectacled youth who was later to assault their children. They felt particularly sorry for him because the social worker who had been looking after the boy for two years ex-plained that he had been abused by his father, a convicted paedophile.

They say now that had they known the boy had been put in care in the first place because he had sexually assaulted a seven-year-old girl, they would not have let him into their home with their four children, two of them girls.

Things began to go wrong soon after the boy came to live with them. The four children began to appear fearful whenever he was about. They rang the council and were told for the first time that the boy had been in need of counseiling. It was then that they asked the council to take him away.

Over the next two days they earnt from their two younger children that the boy had assaulted them, threatening that they would be taken from their home if he could not have his way. It took months, however, before the full story came out of the series of humiliating acts that the boy performed on



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Beardsley signs for cut-price M&S fantasy football team By A STAFF REPORTER

PARENTS across the nation

groaned when Alan Shearer moved to Newcastle United. another costly shopping trip to buy a new soccer strip. Enter Marks & Spencer. who announced a five-year deal yesterday to design and sell a new range of football kit endorsed by the FA Premier League. The M&S kit will be

nearly 50 per cent cheaper than strips sold to fans by FA Premier League clubs. However, the M&S "fantasy football" strip will not be identifiable as that of any particular team. "Our strip is designed to make people wonder which club the wearer could be supporting," an spokeswoman said

yesterday. A different view was offered by a spokesman for the Soccer Scene sports shop in London. "Dedicated fans will not be



M&S strip yesterday

he said firmly. The M&S range was modelled yesterday by Peter Beardsley and four other Newcastle team

members, whose home kit tops sell to fans at £36.99. By contrast, the M&S Premier League shirt, in burgundy and navy and with only discreet lettering to indicate the Premier League connec-

will cost £20. The cheap-

Derby County's home (white and black) or away (red with black collar) strips, priced at £33. Shirts in Manchester United's red home strip and white and red bordered away strip both sell at £40.

The burgundy and navy colours chosen by M&S are closest to the home strips of Aston Villa (described as clar-et and blue) and West Ham (claret with blue sleeves). The M&S range includes 15

items, ranging from goalkeep-ers' tops, through hoods, jog-gers and track suits, to holdalls, bootbags and baseball caps. Childrenswear versions of the most popular items are available in three different sizes from £9. The multimillion-pound contract to manufacture the M&S kit has been won by

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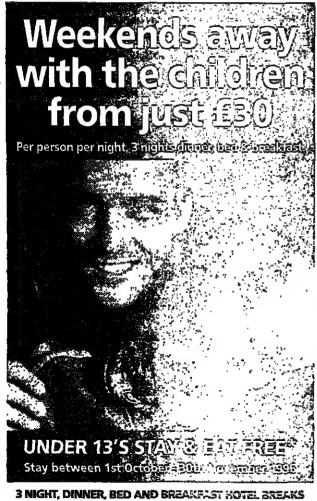
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Rules to be changed after student juggles grades to gain university place

Examiners close A-level loophole

By DAVID CHARTER

A LOOPHOLE allowing students to improve grades by manipulating Government examination officials are said to be "very concerned" that a student rejected by a university was able to switch marks from one A level to another to alter his grades and

University College London, which rurned away the student when it

learnt that he had a B grade in mathematics and a C in further mathematics, was astonished when he returned days later with two B grades. It was obliged to take him even though his place had already been given to someone else.

The School Curriculum and Assessment Authority has now ordered the rules to be changed. The Times disclosed earlier this month that such juggling was possible by candidates taking new-style modular A levels. Modular courses have attracted controversy over standards since they were introduced because students are examined in each section of the course once they complete it, and are allowed unlimited re-takes of these units if they are not satisfied with

Each mathematics modular A level is made up of four units from a choice of thirteen. Further mathematics students simply selected a further four units and were allowed until the end of this month to accept the grades awarded, or keep some and retake

others. They could also combine the units in different ways.

The UCL applicant who was disappointed by his results was allowed by the London Examinations board to switch high-scoring units from his B grade in mathematics with those in his further mathematics A level.

The board said it was only following rules laid down by the authority. Adrian Woodthorpe, director of operations at the board, said very few students improved their

grades by switching modular units round instead of taking extra papers.

Peter Saunders, professor of applied mathematics at King's College London and a spokesman for the London Mathematical Society, said he feared that modular juggling could have devalued standards in mathematics.

He said: "I am just a little disappointed that nobody had noticed this apparent loophole in the first place. Thank goodness common sense has prevailed."

Most Labour voters 'back subsidies for school fees'

MORE than half of Labour voters support a scheme for subsidising places at independent schools, which the party has pledged to scrap, a poll disclosed yesterday.

The Assisted Places Scheme, which funds school fees for parents on low incomes, was backed by 55 per cent of Labour supporters in research commissioned by the Independent Schools Information Service. The poll also showed nearly half of all parents would choose an independent school if they could afford it because they believed standards were higher than in the state sector.

However, David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, said that those questioned were not told about the party's proposed alternative use for the EHS million spent on assisted places - smaller classes for all five, six and seven-vear-olds.

Mr Blunkett said: "People recognise that every govern-ment must prioritise limited resources. A far more popular use of the money will be ensuring that 500,000 youngsters are in class sizes of 30 or under rather than just over 30.000 having subsidised pri-

The poil also showed that 64 per cent of Liberal Democrat voters questioned backed the scheme, which the Government has promised to expand, and to which the Liberal Democrats are also opposed.

David Woodhead, director of Isis, said: "This poll shows just how out of touch Labour and the Liberal Democrats are with public opinion, even among their own supporters, in their implacable opposition the Assisted Places

The MORI poll was published on the eve of the annual conference of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference, the body representing the country's leading independent schools. Nearly 2.000 adults were interviewed in 150 locations last month. For the first time in the annual survey more than half those questioned had heard of the Assisted Places Scheme.

☐ A further education college in Wales has become the first in Britain to open its own police station, in the hope that closer contact with the force will help to keep its students out of trouble with the law (John O'Leary writes).

The station, at Pembroke shire College, will be manned three days a week. The four officers, from the Dyfed-Powys force, will be involved in training courses on motor vehicle law and drug and alcohol misuse, as well as performing their normal

Richard Collins, the college's marketing director, said: "The police are not here to make drugs raids or keep order - we have our own security people for that. We want to break down the barriers that suddenly arise when people get to the age of 17 or 18

The new courses will enable the officers to train students to become counsellors on alcohol and drug abuse. The college authorities believe that students will be more receptive to warning messages from their peers than from staff.

Representatives of the 6,000 students welcomed the initiative as a contribution to their security. One of the officers' tasks will be to keep unauthorised people away from the campus so that drugpushers are prevented from harassing the students.



Kate Aldcroft and her baggipes facing the outside world at Swansea yesterday after 25 days in isolation

Time flies for body clock guineapig

TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A WOMAN kept in an isolated capsule for nearly a month emerged yesterday to find she had lost five days of her life. She had been taking part in studies at the University College of Swansea into how the body clock works.

For 25 days Kate Alderoft has been living in a specially adapted, windowless room in the university's science block without clocks or a watch. To make sure she got no time clues from the outside world, television, radio and contact with other people were banned.

During the confinement, Ms Aldcroft. third-year anthropology student from she thought was the same time each

Psychologists believe that she "lost" five days from her mental calendar during her incarceration. Professor Simon Folkard, who carried out the experiment, said that without any reference to real time the student's biological clock had shifted to a 30-hour day.

There was a vast difference in the times she played the tune and in the way she played it. "She has been sleeping up to 16 hours at a time and probably thinks it is morning each time she wakes up. In fact, the time of day was slowly slipping

k," Professor Folkard said. Ms Aldcroft emerged thinking it was last Sunday. To keep busy she read, relaxed and I would recommend a spell in isolation to everyone," she said, adding: "I'm going down the pub now, that's for sure."

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Professor Folkard said the study, supported by the Medical Research Council, would be used to understand the biological processes behind jet lag. Sensors attached to Ms Aldcroft's body had revealed two kinds of biological clocks at work, a sleep rhythm and a different temperature rhythm, one on a 30-hour day and one on a 24-hour day.

The data could also help to reduce accidents by sleepy night workers. Pro-fessor Folkard said: There is a greater tendency for accidents to happen on night shifts when workers' biological ocks are upset by missing sleep. If we Grace on her bagpipes twice a day. She feel lonely and I did not miss television or can understand the problems we can

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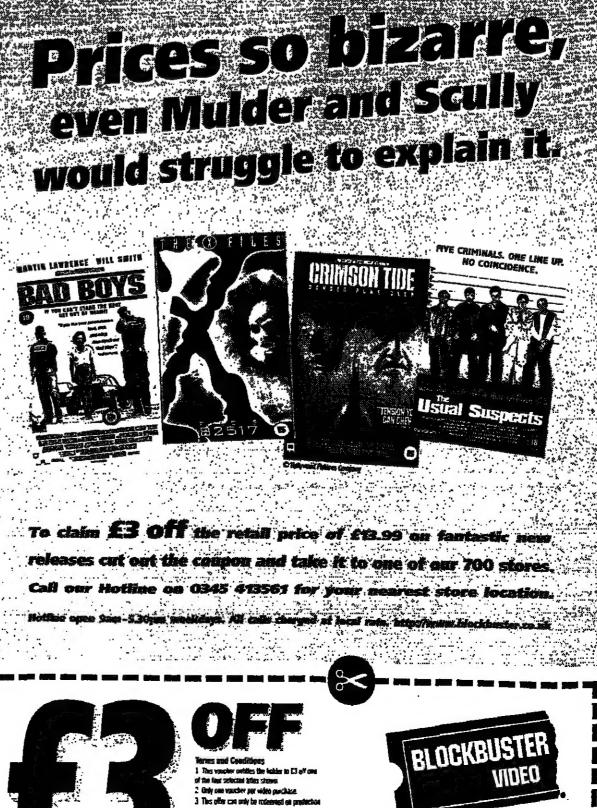




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Forty accuse British cigarette companies of failing to minimise risk posed by tar

Law firms to fund group action by victims of smoking

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

FORTY people suffering from lung cancer are to sue British mbacco companies in a ground-breaking legal action lunded by the lawyers

In the first group lawsuit to be brought in this country by smokers, a team of lawyers led by Leigh Day & Co, a leading personal injuries law firm, is in sue Imperial Tobacco and fee" basis. The lawyers' decision to fund the cases in this way follows an unsuccessful four-year bantle for legal aid. The solicitors and barristers

involved will themselves have to meet up to £3 million in legal and other experts' fees. If the lung cancer victims lose, they would be liable for the tobacco companies' legal costs which could also reach E3 million. But it is unlikely that the companies would pursue elderly or infirm victims for legal costs they did not

Martyn Day, joint senior partner of Leigh Day & Co. which will co-ordinate the claims from a number of law firms, said: "Following the decision by the Legal Aid Board in July, arrived at after the board had been inundated with five sets of representations from tobacco companies, it was clear that the only way for the tobacco victims to gain access to justice in the British courts was for lawyers to take on the cases through

How the battle for legal aid was lost

By Frances GIBB

A DECISION in the American Supreme Court in 1992 paved the way for litigation against the tobacco companies. The court ruled that people could sue, even though the Government had issued warnings

about the dangers of smoking. Martyn Day, a lawyer who has fought a number of highprofile cases against big corporutions, said: "That was the trigger. We felt there was a change in atmosphere that occurred and that it was worthwhile looking at the possibility of claims." Leigh Day & Co. one of the biggest legal aid firms in the country. advertised for potential claimants. About 300 were assembled and an application made for legal aid to local committees: they were turned down twice. Judicial review proceed-

ings were brought against the Legal Aid Board. But in the summer of 1993, the board refused legal aid to bring the judicial review. Later that year the lawyers took judicial review proceedings against the board over this refusal and

Armed with legal aid, they returned to court over the original board refusal and won a referral back to the legal aid area committee. The committee finally granted legal aid to investigate the smoking claims in January last year.

However, when it came to the application for full legal aid to bring the actions, the tobacco companies mounted strenuous opposition and in July this year the board refused to grant public funds for



are," It is expected that several hundred other lung cancer sufferers might join the action. The Leigh Day team coordinating the action includes Daniel Brennan, QC, who is president of the Personal Injury Bar Association, and Professor Mark Mildred, of

Nottingham Law School, an

our money where our mouths

expert on group actions. To be fair to the Legal Aid Board, these are complex cases and clearly difficult, so I am not being that critical of them. But as a lawyer I have always felt strongly that these cases are good cases and doing them on a no win, no fee basis seemed the only way."

The claims against the two companies, which account for 80 per cent of the cigarette market, are based on the companies' alleged failure to comply with their duty to minimise risk to smokers by voluntarily reducing tar levels. This, the lawyers argue, should have been done when it became clear in the late 1950s that the tar component in tobacco that was causing cancer in many smokers. It is the victims' case that the

failure to reduce the tar levels

caused or materially contributed to the onset of their cancer. If the claim succeeds, it could pave the way for hundreds more similar claims. More than 30,000 people die from lung cancer a year in Britain as a result of smoking. Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, introduced "no win, no fee" cases a year ago for personal injury cases, insolvency and human

rights cases.



Stars lit way down tobacco road

By PETER FOSTER

THREE former smokers involved in the fight for comremove lungs spoke yesterday of the toll that tobacco has taken on their lives.

Anthony Bywater took up smoking to imitate his screen idols, James Dean and Humphrey Bogart. He was 16 and had just left school to start work assembling bicycle parts in Birmingham. Thirty-five years later, in

1990, lung cancer was diag-nosed and Mr Bywater had three operations to have a lung removed. The surgery was successful but now, at 57, he is continually breathless and almost immobile. "It was the thing to do, the

big screen stars all smoked and so did your mates. Once one person started we all did." he said. By the time he was 18, Mr Bywater was smoking 20 of his favourite Park Drive untipped, extra-strength cigarettes a day. Over the next 30 years his consumption steadily increased to up to 50 a day. His quality of life has



Bywater: influenced by Bogart and James Dean

deteriorated: "I suffer from terrible catarrh every morning, am always out of breath and can't walk more than about 20 yards at a time. Climbing up the stairs leaves my heart pounding," he said.

Mr Bywater has been forced to retire and is living on state benefits. He would spend any damages on a car and possibly a house away from the traffic fumes of Bir-

Martin Margolis. 74, thinks the fact that his father was a heavy smoker may have contributed to his starting, but more likely it was because he was weak-minded and followed everyone else. By the time he entered the RAF as a groundcrew member servicing a fighter squadron, he was smoking 20 or 30 untipped cigarettes a day.

After an operation in 1982, Mr Margolis said, he spent four years almost totally housebound. During that time his giftware wholesaling business failed and he lost his £350,000 home in London.

"I am now totally breathless. I can't play golf any more. I have also become more emotional than I used to be and at times cannot speak for lack of breath," he added. Mr Margolis has become a

virulent anti-smoker since his operation. "If I find myself sitting next to a smoker in a restaurant these days, I have to move to another table or leave altogether. It's the very thought of smoking I can't

Violet Rumsey. 67, was a more reluctant convert. She continued to smoke despite an

half her lung and three ribs. She is still able to move around with relative ease. Before the operation. Mrs Rumsey, who lives with her husband in Andover. Hampshire, smoked up to 30 cigarettes a day. Despite two more operations, she was still unable to kick the habit,

cutting down to 15 or 20 a day. Two years ago, with the aid of nicotine patches and a lot of support from her husband, Derek, she finally gave up but still craves eigarettes from time to time. "I wish I had never started but cigarettes are so addictive I found

myself unable to give it up. After the operation I went from young to old overnight. I be able to walk around but I don't have nearly as much energy as I used to," she

Mr Rumsey believes his wife, who has had to give up work, is entitled to compensation for the pain and trauma of the past ten years. "We couldn't go away on holidays for several years because of Violet's disease."

Gene clue sought to island's cancers

By SHIRLEY ENGLISH

CANCER patients on the island of Benbecula are being tested for a gene that may explain why the disease kills

so many people in the area.

The investigation is being carried out by local doctors and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, with the ethical approval of Western Isles Health Board, who earlier this year dismissed fears of a Chernobyl-related cancer cluser on the island.

Blood samples and family medical histories are being taken from Benbecula's 23 cancer sufferers. The DNA will be tested for hereditary cancer-causing genes, known as HNPCC. If a family link is established, a screening programme will be introduced.

Finnish scientists identified HNPCC in 1993. They traced a sixth of Finland's cancers, mainly of the bowel and digestive system, to a village where the HNPCC gene is thought to have mutated in the

Yesterday, Morag McIntosh, 60, a crofter's wife who was recently diagnosed as having bowel cancer, welcomed the project. Her mother died from breast cancer four years ago and four of her neighbours developed the disease. "This is a small island and if it continues like this

there will be no one left." Dr Jain Frayling, a scientist with the charity, will be studying the samples at its laboratories in London. He contacted Dr Francis Tierney, a local GP who suggested the Chernobyl link, and the health board after hearing about the cluster because he believed the profile of sufferers suggested HNPCC.

He had been investigating cancer families on another unnamed island outside Britain for three years. One of his patients could trace ancestors to the Outer Hebrides. "It is possible that there is a family gene doing the rounds on Benbecula. If a pattern is recognised then more people could be offered appropriate screening," he said.

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'Gullible attracted by company based on lie'

Computer's race tips cost punters thousands

By A STAFF REPORTER

A COMPANY selling horse racing computer programs which claimed to pick winners is being investigated by the Official Receiver after a High Court judge said it was "based on a lie". The £3,300 program not only failed to produce profits but made losses for the

hundreds of purchasers. Since beginning trading this ear, Comstrad took £28 million in sales of Sequence XL. the horse-racing program, and was also marketing a E995 package called Quest 10 which it claimed could match up score draws on football

But in a judgment yester-day, Mr Justice Carnwath said the company had made extravagant claims about the programs and their track record. He said promotional brochures described Sequence XL as a secure "investment program", which would have made £45,358 for a £500 investment during the past

"The brochure also contained a guarantee that if any losses were incurred in the first three months, the E500 starting investment would be reimbursed." the judge said. But there was no provision for "This company was based on a lie. There was a basic lie in their business throughout." he said.

The judge granted an application by the Department of Trade and Industry which

has offices in London, will no longer be able to sell its products. Its assets have been

Tests carried out on the program by the DTI showed a "uniformly bleak picture", added the judge, with a sustained loss of the initial £500 investment. When buyers complained, they were told that the reason the program that the reason the program was not functioning successfully was because of adverse weather conditions which had made the going soft on race-

The company will have to show at a full trial next month why it should not be wound up in the public interest. Mr Justice Carnwath said that the company argued that it was not right that a liquidator should be appointed to close down a profitable business. But he said there was no prospect that it would have a viable business if it did not "depend on a lie" and he was "wholly unpersuaded" by the

The judge said that there was no doubt that the company was profitable - up to 40 more "gullible" people a week were buying the units in the hope of getting rich quick.

A spokesman for the DTI said after the hearing that

compensation for people who

bought the programs would

depend on the outcome of the

forthcoming trial.



Three of the designs shown yesterday from Nicole Farhi's collection for London Fashion Week, combining soft tailoring with cool elegance

Farhi defines the Home Counties look

BY GRACE BRADBERRY STYLE EDITOR

ANNE HESELTINE, wife of the Deputy Prime Minister. yesterday to see shows by Nicole Farhi and Jean Muir. is not alone in admiring the work of the French-born designer. Farhi's designs are renowned for their elegance and wearability and are coveted by many middle-class Englishwomen. Yesterday's spring/sum-mer collection for London

Fashion Week did not disappoint, with trouser suits in cool linen and light pinstriped gaberdine demon-



Anne Heseltine with Clinton Silver of the British Fashion Council; and right, Fahri

the collection had a Latin-American feeling with jabot frills in transluscent georgette. Farhi described the

Translated, that means they bore a slight resemblance to

It is designers such as Farhi and Betty Jackson, who also showed yesterday, that are the backbone of British fashion. While younger, whackier designers attract huge attention. their older counterparts quiet-

Nevertheless, Indian squaws and St-Tropez girls in strapless dresses made Belfa Freud's show one of the

liveliest of the week. Stella

Tennant, the face of Chanel, made her first appearance on the London catwalk and was followed by fellow aristocrats Iris Palmer and Honor Fraser. They modelled outfits that included bikinis and dresses patched from suede with fringeing, outsize daisyprint jackets and a baby-blue

cropped fur bolero jacket. The British Fashion Council is quietly confident of bumper sales for most of the

ber of international buyers on the first day was up 30 per cent and many have been booked advance appointments with specific fashion houses. John Wilson, chief executive of the council, said: "In people like Alexander Mc-Queen and Hussein Chala-yan showing today we've got some of the hottest designers in the world. But London is also buzzing for reasons other than fashion, and that is

having an effect."

Today also sees the first London presentation by Tom-my Hilfiger, the much-hyped American sportswear design-President Clinton and the rap star Snoop Doggy Dog. A hot ticket yesterday was

for Alexander McQueen's show, held away from the main site at the Royal Horticultural Hall in Westminster. McQueen. 27, is tipped by many to win the British Designer of the Year Award, and also to take over from John Galliano at Givenchy.

Hostel girl scared by intruder

An II-year-old girl from Comwall was awoken by an intruder at a Brittany youth hostel a few days before the rape and murder of Caroline Dickinson in the same area, police said yesterday.

The primary school pupil from Padstow woke in the small hours to find a man near her bed. A teacher was alerted by the child's screams and the intruder was chased from the hostel. A Devon and Cornwall police spokesman said that French detectives were aware of the incident about 20 miles from Pleine Fougeres, where Caroline was raped and suffocated in July.

Police write-off

Two police cars were written off when they met head-on while responding to reports of youths breaking into a car at Kingshurst, Birmingham. The four policeman were not badly hurt but one officer was treated for minor head injuries.

Cars struck man

Jon Cottam, 21, died in hospital after being struck by three cars while walking home from a pub at night on a foggy country road near Fuggle-stone, Wiltshire, in March, an inquest was told yesterday.

Peak interest

The first photograph of the summit of Everest taken from the air fetched £4,600 at Christie's. S. R. Bonnett captured the shot from an opencockpit plane during a 1933 expedition led by Colonel Stewart Blacker.

Pooh-stick alert

Visitors wanting to float Poohsticks under Winnie-the-Pooh's bridge in Ashdown Forest, East Sussex, are being asked to take their own twigs. So many sticks have been taken from surrounding trees that they are being depleted.

CORRECTION

A Greater Manchester police officer whose bicycle was stoien after youths threatened him with a screwdriver was a constable, not, as reported on September 26, Chief Superintendent John Potts. We apolegise for the error.

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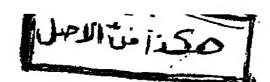
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Hostel & Scared Rare hawks to be tested after raids on breeders

BY TIM JONES

POLICE from ten forces have seized rare birds of prey in breeders in England and Wales. The birds include goshawks, peregrine falcons, merlins and a rare red kite. They are prized by collectors and can letch up to £1,500.

Blood samples from more than 30 birds have been sent to Nottingham University. where they will be subjected to genetic fingerprinting techniques. These will determine the birds' parentage and es-tablish whether they were captive bred lawfully or taken from the wild illegally. Three of the birds, including the red kite, were taken immediately to the National Birds of Prey Centre in Gloucestershire to see if they could be returned to

the wild. The raids, co-ordinated by South Wales police, were launched after officers had kept watch on the homes of three known breeders. At one address in West Glamorgan, where several hawks were found, a number of traps and orher equipment were seized. Police also discovered more than 100 cannabis plants and

arrested a man aged 39. Trapping equipment was



Peregrine falcon: prized by collectors

uncovered at another address in Mid Glamorgan, from where the red kite was taken. A man was arrested for possessing an unlicensed firearm. Further charges will depend on the result of the blood tests.

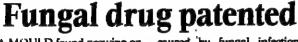
All the species involved are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act. Detective Sergeant lan Guildford, South Wales police wildlife liaison officer, said: "Birds of prey are subject to considerable illegal persecution. This runges from poisoning and shooting to the removal of eggs and chicks. It is important that we send out a strong message to those involved that we can and will take steps to tackle these unusual crimes."

Roger Lovegrove, of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, said: "We are delighted that the police are taking these types of offences seriously. The continuing persecution of birds of prey is of great concern."

Guy Shorrock of the RSPB said: "Illegal breeding is now becoming big business and threatens some of our most beautiful and majestic hunting birds." He said the thieves who took eggs or chicks from the wild were despised by legal breeders who used cap-

"Falconry is an ancient sport to which we have no objection. But the illegal trade must be stopped," Mr Shor-rock said, adding: There are at last signs the crime is being treated more seriously and some people have been sentenced to as much as 18 months' imprisonment."

The forces that took part in the operation were Wiltshire, Sussex, Thames Valley, North Yorkshire, West Mercia, Northumbria, Greater Manchester, Kent, Metropolitan and South Wales.



A MOULD found growing on Leeds building site could bring hope to thousands of people suffering from deadly fungal infections (Nick Nuttall

Scientists, excited by the discovery, have patented a family of drugs derived from the mould after discovering that it has powerful antifungal properties. The find could eventually help people who contract candida, an infection of the genitals that can spread to the lungs, and aspergillosis, a lung disease

caused by fungal infection Dr David Langley, a research associate at Glaxoin Stevenage, Wellcome Hertfordshire, said: Of all the people who die in the world from infection, most die of fungal infections rather than bacterial ones like cholera. There are plenty of antibacterial agents but very few

anti-fungal ones." The discovery will be disclosed today at Fungus 100, a meeting in London celebrating the British Mycological Society's centenary year.

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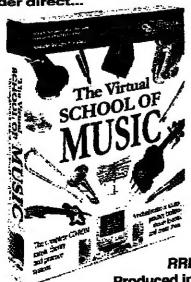
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Artistic spirit rises from burial site

By Nicholas Watt, Chief Ireland Correspondent

ONE of Europe's finest examples of megalithic art dating back 5.000 years has been uncovered by archaeologists in the Irish Republic. Six large stones engraved with concentric circles and spirals were found lining a passageway to a burial chamber.

The decorations at Knowth in the Boyne Valley, Co Meath, show the sophistication of the Neolithic people lived in Ireland 3000-2000 BC. They constructed burial chambers throughout the north and midlands of Ireland, including three within a four-mile radius in the

Boyne Valley. Grainne Kelly, land surveyor at Knowth archaeological site, said that she was delighted with the find. "The six stones represent the finest example of megalithic art across Europe. To find them in one area together is fantastic." The stones have been cleaned and put on display at Knowth.

Ms Kelly said that she was unsure of the significance of the concentric circles. "It may have been for a ritual but the engravings were certainly not art for art's sake."

Archaeologists have spen

34 years excavating Knowth. They uncovered the artwork last week as they excavated an entrance to a main burial mound. Ms Kelly said: "We knew the stones were there but did not realise they had such important artwork. They were crooked and so we lifted the stones up to straigthen them out. It was at this point that we uncovered the artwork."

The archaeological team is led by Professor George Eoghan, who began work at Knowth in 1962 with a few aerial photographs. The team has since uncovered two main burial chambers and 17 smaller chambers. Knowth is larger than the Boyne Valley's world-famous Neolithic burial site at Newgrange.



The Jeremy Thorpe story



Anyone would have been tempted by the sight of young Norman, Jeremy Thorpe told his fellow Liberal MP Peter Bessell, but now he had to be silenced. It was the opening ploy in the greatest political scandal in post-war Britain. Only now is the real story being told . . . 🤊

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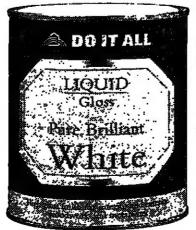
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File on Bishop Wright affair sent to the Pope

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A DOSSIER on the scandal involving Roderick Wright, the former Roman Catholic Bishop of Argyll and the Isles. is being sent to the Pope before a replacement is found. The file is expected to concentrate on how Mr Wright was or-dained a bishop in 1991, in spite of a rigorous vetting by

It is being drawn up as the Church prepares for further damaging disclosures in newspapers this weekend. More revelations about the former bishop's relationship with Kathleen MacPhee are expected in the News of the World, which has paid £15,000 to Mrs MacPhee's children but nothing to Mrs MacPhee or Mr Wright, who has a 15-year-old son, Kevin, with his former lover Joanna

The Pope will also be briefed on how Mr Wright survived as bishop in spite of reports against him. Scotland's senior bishops. Cardinal Thomas Archbishop Keith O'Brien of Edinburgh, were confronted



Wright appointment vetted by the Vatican

with allegations that he had apparently been having affairs when his housekeeper. lleene McKinney, alerted them to love letters from four women, some containing ex-

The Church accepted the bishop's "cast-iron guarantees" that the rumours were untrue but did not check further with any of the four women concerned. Instead. Miss McKinney was herself sacked. Mr Wright was also investigated twice during the 1960s and 1970s, when two other women made claims

about "improper conduct". The investigating bishops at the time, who are now dead, also absolved him.

In spite of repeated attempts by the Catholic Church to claim otherwise, the former bishop's behaviour has once again focused attention on the issue of celibacy. Seven-eleven, a support group for women in relationships with Catholic priests which claims up to 80 members in this country, is to meet a senior nember of the English Catholic hierarchy next week.

In a statement issued yesterday the group claimed "that there are many more such relationships than the official Church acknowledges". A spokeswoman said: "Our ex-perience is that many of these relationships are creative, loving and long-term friendships, of between eight and 26 years. They have sustained the man and helped them to become more mature and integrated beings, particularly in the area of sexuality." In an open letter to news-

paper editors this week. Cardinal Winning wrote: "Now is the time for everyone to reflect and to consider the needs of all damaged and changed forever

by the recent revelations." He insisted: "Celibacy is not the issue, nor is it the crisis the media would have us believe. Furthermore, one man's highly publicised indiscretions, which have become a 'crisis' for the media, do not constitute a crisis for the

Nevertheless, one priest said the Wright affair had affected the mood of the Church nationwide. "When I walk down the aisle during mass, I can feel them looking at me and wondering how

many I've got," he said.
The Catholic Church in Scotland wants a bishop ap pointed for Argyll and the Isles before next summer, when it celebrates the 1,400th anniversary of the death of St Columba. The apppointment of a successor to Mr Wright would normally take up to a year but the Vatican is likely to move swiftly to find a man who can calm the troubled diocese and take the helm in time for the celebrations.



David Bellamy with clippings from a 1.000-year-old yew tree. Today at Bishopthorpe Palace, residence of the Archbishop of York, he will urge every community in the country to plant a yew to mark the millennium

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Immortal yew's fresh shoots mark rebirth of faith in Creation

DAVID BELLAMY

was brought up as a Baptist in a wonderful, but redbrick church. I envied the local parish pile which came complete with lich-gate and ancient yew. The two churches were then the centre of a thriving suburban community that had obliterat-ed part of the Surrey country-side less than a generation

My father was a Baptist lay preacher, and I was first taken o a church service at the age of three. I went to church three times every Sunday and saw ness on their road to Damas- to plant a very special yew tree cus, but it never happened to me. The hard

times of the Second World War welded the community together

into a survival package without equal. Together prayed, recycled and dug for victory morally, ethically and spiritually.

However with the end of the war, we were able to move out of the urban jungle and visit what was then still the vibrant dioversity of the Surrey countryside. That was my awakening, the intricate beauty of God's Creation in the hands of a caring rural community.

Suddenly it all began to make some sense. The Church of England with its roots in pre-industrial communities, parishes that celebrated the annual round of rural life. spring, midsummer, Roga-tion Tide, harvest festival times of rebirth and rejuvenation that meant a great deal to

Thus I came to be confirmed and on the rare occa-sions that I am home join in the worship at our local parish church where people have gathered to share their sorrows, celebrate their joys and give thanks to God for over 600 years.

On my travels I can now worship with and so learn world's religions, all of which hold the sanctity of life in all

its forms as a central part of

their belief. At the end of the last war, the war on Earth began. Products of the creative power of God were put in danger as never before.

We have over the past 50 years been witnessing the devaluation of humankind's main asset, the sustainable community in all its forms, family, village and parish. Today, at Bishopthorpe Palace near York, on behalf of the Conservation Foundation, I will be urging every parish.

to celebrate the millennium. And why? To show that we care about God's Creation. The

foundation's tree survey has discovered more than 20 yews over 2.000 years old standing next to parish churches.

These will provide some of the young yew trees that we hope will find their way to the parishes, enabling every local community not only to celebrate the millennium but to plant something that could well be flourishing at the next. Yews are in essence immor-

tal; regeneration from epicormic buds or from their rootstocks, keeps them growing. The tree that stands watch at the lich-gate is the tree that is now helping in the fight against cancer, it contains a "greenprint" for Taxol. a family of drugs now giving hope to many people, young and old,

What better way to mark the renaissance of our faith in God's part in Creation than by planting a yew and appointing a member of the parish to act as a focal point to convey the good tidings of sustainability and the power of creative evolution.

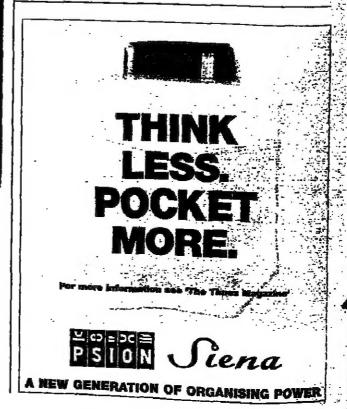
Dr David Bellamy, a botanist, ecologist, author and broadcaster, is the president of the Conservation Foundation which he co-founded in

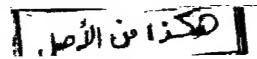
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Wall Street 'wonder boy' accused of \$200m share fraud

A WALL STREET financier who began investing at the age of II and was last year hailed as the most promising businessmen of his generation, faces sentences totalling 165 years in jail after an astonishing alleged bluff. Prosecutors said that Christopher Bagdasarian, 31, who

was reported to have been worth \$40 million by the time he was 19, bluffed his way through Wall Street and persuaded some of the toughest, most sceptical bankers in America to invest in his company. Mr Bagdasarian, who is on trial in a federal court in Manhattan, has pleaded not

Among his alleged victims were Salomon Bros and Chemical Bank. They and other banks supported a \$200 million public share offering for Normandy America, Mr Bagdasarian's reinsurance company, after they were given assurances of his business record and personal value. sarian to check on his invest-

The alleged confidence trick. prosecutors said, was revealed only after clerks at Chemical Bank discovered that some of Mr Bagdasarian's financial statements were not legiti-mate. Lance White, his business partner, who was also an accountant with Deloitte & Touche, immediately left their employ. Mr White had allegedly signed a document saying that Mr Bagdasarian had a record of providing investors with average returns of 29 per cent and that he was worth

Mr Bagdasarian persuaded some respected names to join his enterprise, including Peter Ueberroth, the organiser of the Los Angeles Olympics, who unwittingly became a director of Normandy America. The company was partmanaged by a former golf caddie, and Mr Bagdasarian also employed his wife.

Salomon Bros telephoned a former "client" of Mr Bagdament performance, but prosecutors allege that the man was in fact a friend of Mr Bagdasarian. At the same time, his sudden appearance as a Wall Street player did not go

Mr Bagdasarian was de-scribed last year as "the next Warren Buffett" by the influential Forbes business magazine. Mr Buffett is the marketmoving head of the \$38 billion Berkshire Hathaway fund. Mr Bagdasarian opened an office in the building next to Mr Buffett and appeared to model himself on the veteran deal-maker. He borrowed some \$24 million from Chemical Bank to buy a personal jet

and a \$6 million estate.
Paul Gerlach, of the US Securities Exchange Commis-sion, said: "We investigate a lot of fraud and I haven't seen traud as audacious as this. I guess the notion is that if you

Poll win for army chief in Gambia

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

YAHYA JAMMEH, Gambia's military leader, coasted to an emphatic victory yesterday in presidential elections to return the country to democracy after two years of army rule, official results showed.

Ousainon Darboe, his main rival, was reported to have taken refuge in the Senegalese Embassy in Banjul, the capital. With 81 per cent of the votes counted, Colonel Jammeh, who toppled the civilian President, Sir Dawda Jawara. in 1994, received 199,650 votes (55 per cent). Mr Darboe had 131,035 (36 per cent).

The result will be discussed today in New York by Commonwealth foreign ministers who are also to consider sweeping new sanctions against Nigeria, currently sus-pended from membership. The London-based Human Rights Watch/Africa yesterday urged them to impose sanctions on the Abacha regime which, it says, violates its



Nose for trouble: a stray shepherd-husky dog found near Marshalls Creek, Pennsylvania, with porcupine quills embedded in his head. A vet removed the quills and the dog, expected to make a good recovery, will be up for adoption soon

Japanese election • called on **US** deal FROM ROBERT WHYMANT

IN TOKYO

RYUTARO HASHIMOTO, the Japanese Prime Minister dissolved the lower house of parliament yesterday for a general election to be held on October 20. Clearly confident of gaining a second term, he said he was going to the country to seek voters' support for his handling of the issue of American bases on the southern island of Okinawa.

Opposition by Okinawa residents to the presence of the American military has created Mr Hashimoto's biggest headache in his nine roonths in office. Earlier this month, the Government promised to ease the military burden on Okinawa in a makeshift deal with the island's Governor that has made the electoral climate more favoura.ble to Mr Hashimoto

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The Prime Minister could have waited until next July to go to the poils but an early date well ahead of next April's increase in the national sales tax was favoured by his Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), the biggest in the threeparty ruling coalition.

Voters face the unenviable task of choosing between parties with virtually uniform policies, all hogging the middle ground, and notable only for the almost total absence of inspiring political figures. Re-cent, opinion polls indicate that about 50 per cent of voters feel no allegiance to any party.

At the last election, in 1993. the conservative LDP's 38-year stranglehold on power was broken, and Japan entered a period of coalition administrations in which differences among parties have become

The main opposition group, the New Frontier Party, formed by an assortment of small parties two years ago, is expected to do well. It is unclear whether the Liberal Democrats will win an outright majority in balloting which is being held under a new electoral system, but they are expected to gain enough of the 500 seats in the next lower house to continue to dominate a coalition administration.



Rwanda genocide hearing delayed

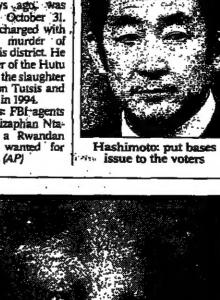
FROM SAM KILEY

THE trial of Jean Paul Akayesu, the first Rwandan to appear before an international, tribunal accused of genocide, was postponed yesterday after both prosecution and defence admitted they were not ready. Two days of pre-trial mo-tions in which Johan Scheers, a Belgian defence lawyer. argued that he had not had the time or the resources to find

witnesses were rejected by a panel of three judges at the request of Jacob Hailie Mariam, the prosecutor.
Then Mr Mariam, an Ethiopian, asked for the proceedings to be adjourned for him to

trace witnesses and bring them from Rwanda to the court in Arusha, Tanzania. The mal which was to have begun two days ago: was adjourned until October 31. Mr Akayesu is charged with organising the murder of 2,000 Tursis in his district. He was a local leader of the Hutu

militia which led the slaughter of aborit a million Tutsis and Hutu inoderates in 1994. ☐ Laredo, Texas: FBI agents have arrested Elizaphan Ntakirufimana, 73, a Rwandan pastor who is wanted for alleged genocide. (AP)





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Swift revenge as Taleban seizes control of Kabul

From Christopher Thomas in Lahore and Zahid Hussain in Islamabad

TALEBAN fighters in Afghanistan were last night searching for President Rabbani. Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, the Prime Minister, and Ahmad Shah Masood, the ousted

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Government's military chief. The Islamic militants made it clear that all three would be killed if they were captured. Muhammad Najibullah, the former leader, was killed with a bullet to the head by the militants before he and his brother, who was still alive, were hanged from a lamp-post outside the Presidential Palace. The swinging bodies drew

large crowds.
"We killed him because he was the murderer of our ople," Noor Hakmal, a Taleban commander, said.

General Masood was a hero of the guerrilla war against the army of the former Soviet Union. His forces captured Kabul in 1992 and fought Mr Hekmatyar's private army be-fore making a deal three

months ago. Mr Hekmatyar killed thousands of civilians with random artillery bombardments.

Tanks, artillery and lorries loaded with Taleban fighters headed north yesterday to-wards Jabal us-Sharaj, Gener-

al Masood's headquarters, apparently in an attempt to confront and destroy his Tajik militia. Taleban is mostly Pashtun, the traditional rulers of Kabul. The two ethnic groups share a historical

The Alghan Islamic Press news agency in Pakistan declared that Afghanistan was now a "completely Islamic state" where a "complete Islamic system will be enforced". Taleban took over the Presidential Palace and the key ministries of defence, security and foreign affairs. Hours earlier government soldiers poured out of the city on the only road still in their

Kabul airport and Bagram air base, 30 miles north of the capital, are under Taleban control. The vital supply road from Kabul to the Khyber Pass is open again.

Taleban said a six-man

ruling council would run the country. A commander named Musa said the militia was using loudspeakers to tell civilians to go about their lives as usual. He hoped the new regime would be able to get more food to the capital, but he feared that hundreds of thousands of civilians would be vulnerable this winter.

He added that the Interna tional Committee of the Red Cross was asking Taleban to protect civilians and not to carry out killings

Despite the pledge to kill the three fugitive leaders, he added: Taleban will not take revenge. We have no personal rancour. If the people find surrendered. The Red Cross, which has been helping about a quarter crimes in the past we will



Taleban fighters, who overran shattered Kabul yesterday, have urged civilians to go about their business as usua

judge him according to Islamic law," There would be an amnesty for government solofficers who

of a million people in Kabul, said it had been given approval for further humanitarian relief operations, including a 35-lorry convoy.

Delhi: An Afghani envoy in India said President Rabbani up security at the homes of

and other members of his former Afghan leaders in Del-Government were about 15 hi, police said. The widow of miles north of Kabul. He said Najibullah was driven from her home in a bulletproof the Government still controlled 13 of Afghanistan's 31 car. (Reuter) provinces. India has stepped

Militants herald brutal *justice*

AN ERA of brutality is about to fall on the hapless inhabitants of Kabul. in their attempt to create the world's purest Islamic state in Afghanistan. will waste little time before subjecting the population to justice by amputation and coercing women into purdah.

Music, dancing, picnics,

and even kite-flying will be banned as un-Islamic. The few television sets and stereo sys-tems left in the capital will be ritually smashed up in public squares. Women and girls will be forced to conform to strict Islamic codes of dress, and will be prohibited from going to work or school.

The Taleban militia is a ruthless enforcer of Sharia (Islamic law). Thundering around in their Toyota pick-up trucks, the Islamic fighters, with their flowing beards and cloth caps, dish out Koranic justice. Mear cleavers are used to chop off the hands and feet of thieves, and women who fail to conform to dress codes are beaten with rifle butts.

Grisly end for 'The Ox' with a taste for terror

By Edward Gorman

THE former dictator and Muhammad Najibullah, nicknamed 'The Ox", inspired fear in his subordinates and terrified his opponents with his appetite for torture and death.

When I met him, he was stuck in the gloomy Presiden-tial Palace in Kabul, waiting for the last Soviet troops to leave Afghanistan at the end of their disastroes ten-year occupation. There was no sign of his reputed lavish lifestyle, complete with 20 mistresses and a fleet of timou

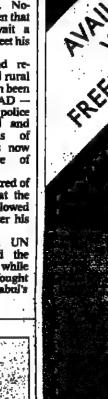
It was in early February. 1989. There was shew on the ground and panie in the air. Just about everyone was predicting — wrongly as it turned out — an imminent bloodbath in which Najibullah and his

advancing Mujahidin. No-body could have foreseen that he would have to wait a further seven years to meet his grisly end.

Having backed land reforms which so enraged rural Afghan society, and then been head of the bated KHAD the KGB-trained secret police which tortured, killed and imprisoned thousands of Mujahidin — he was now posing as a figure of reconciliation.

Given their abject hatred of him, it is amazing that the Mujahidin leaders allowed him to live so long after his regime fell in 1992.

He was left in a UN compound just round the corner from the palace while the victorious rebels fought over and destroyed Kabul's





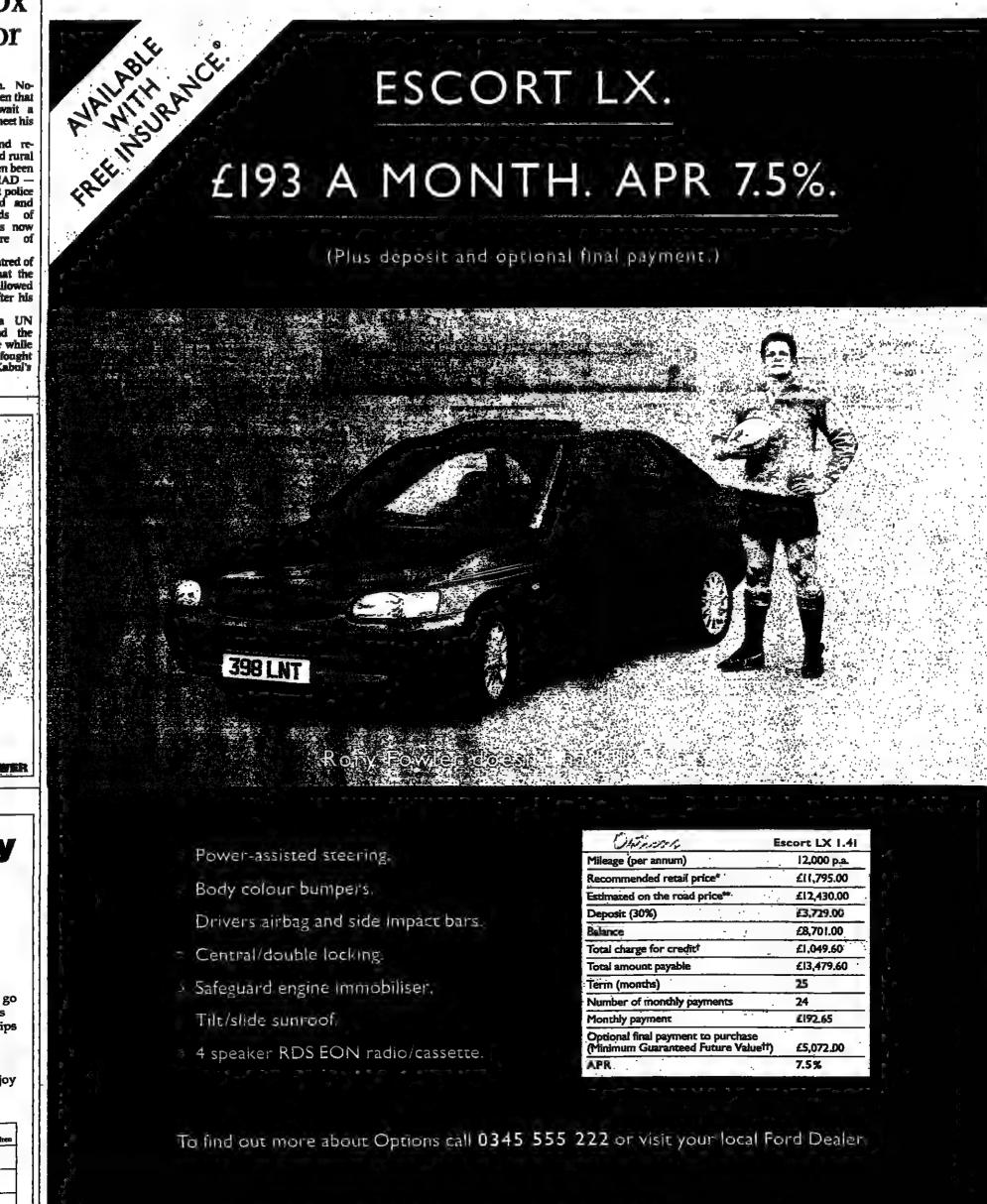
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Noon sun casts shadow of war over Jerusalem shrine

Mosque, Islam's third holies shrine, degenerated yesterday into a bloodbath that left three Palestinians dead and more than 60 wounded.

The killings fuelled accusations of Jewish violations of Islamic holy places that are pushing the region towards a

Given the current tensions between Arab and Jew, the bloodletting was as predictable as the fierce heat of the noonday sun. But the desecration of such a holy place by the ferocious harred felt by both sides, and the cruel reality of warfare that also left seven Israeli paramilitary police wounded, still came as a

The first hint of trouble came at 12.15pm, as stones were hurled down from the Temple Mount, the compound that houses al-Aqsa and the landmark Dome of the Rock from where Muhammad is reputed to have begun his journey to heaven. The stones landed on the heads of blackcoated Jews praying at the Wailing Wall - the holiest site

The deaths vesterday fuelled claims that Jews are violating Islamic holy sites, pushing the region towards a new jihad, writes Christopher Walker in Jerusalem

50ft below. As birds took off in fright from the cypress trees that shade the approach to the mosque - where in 1951 King Husain's grandfather, King Abdullah, was assassinated for attempting to make peace with his Jewish neighbours gunfire echoed around the Mount. Police later insisted that only rubber bullets were

Along with a small group of foreign journalists who were prevented from entering the Mount because we were not Muslims, I was violently elbowed aside amid barked Hebrew. Squads of Jewish reinforcements in flak jackets and helmets charged up on to the Islamic holy turf through the narrow Moors' gate to join the pitched-battle against the stone-throwers. Some of the young Palestinian fighters. a minority of the 10,000 wor-

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shippers present, were sharm lessly seeking cover inside al-Aqsa - where President Sadat prayed when he visited Jeru-salem in 1977 — and the magnificent Dome of the

There was massive stonethrowing at our forces. There was no choice but to finish dealing with the demonstrators. Some of the rocks being hurled were very big," said Assal Heletz, Israel's toughlooking police commissioner, who had earlier ordered the evacuation of Jews praying at

the Wall. Emotions were running high under the tree providing shade for wounded Israeli policemen at a hastily-constructed field hospital. One seriously injured man was being given a drip by a young woman soldier who was fightaccompanied by the distant chanting of the Islamic war cry, Allahu Akhbar (God is Greater), from several hundred Palestinians who had stayed to fight - knowing that the eyes of the Islamic world were upon them.

Mr Hefetz, his blue flak jacket signalling concern that Palestinian snipers might be operating, insisted that only teargas canisters and rubber bullets had been used. But Arab doctors at the two east Jerusalem hospitals where the dead and wounded were ferried in a fleet of ambulances claimed that wounds inflicted by live ammunition had been

At the Arab-run Mukassed Hospital, hundreds of angry Palestinians shouted revenge.

Palestinian leaders were swift to seize on the action taken by the huge Israeli security force as evidence of new breaches of Islamic holy areas in defiance of international understandings. Four thousand Israelis were in place in and around Temple nose to tail in the Wailing Wall plaza alone

"This is a dynamic of war," said Leila Shahid, a senior PLO representative in Europe whose broadcasts have been whipping-up Islamic passions around the world.

The Muslim holy places

are out of bounds to the Israeli forces, but they took the decision to storm them," she said. Ironically, the fighting took place close to the entrance to the Israeli-dug tunnel near al-Aqsa which sparked the crisis that has already left more than 60 dead and nearly 1,500

wounded The spot is so highly charged with religious history and symbolism that many fear it could one day spark a new jihad — holy war — by Muslims against the Jews, who have occupied Temple Mount since their victory in the 1967 war.

Arab-Jewish hatreds did not seem in any way diminished by the fact that the tunnel was padlocked shut.

"It is just closed on Friday and Saturday because of the Kahalani, the Israeli Internal Security minister, told me after visiting the scene.

He made it clear that neither he, nor any members of the cabinet, had any intention of closing the tunnel, as is being demanded by the Arabs. "It will be open again on Sunday and it will stay open forever," the skull-capped former tank commander said.

David Pryce-Jones, page 20



A Palestinian worshipper carries an injured man from al-Aqsa Mosque yesterday

Warning: rocky road to Ramallah ahead

FROM ROSS DUNN IN NAMLUS WEST BANK

THE lovely terraced hills of the West Bank have eyes. You do not see them at first but they are there waiting patiently until your car comes into full view. Then the eyes sometimes become upright Palestinians, who attempt to bury your vehicle in a hail of stones, on suspicion that you are a Jewish settler passing

foreign licence plates to indicate neutrality, I was attacked

ing the winding roads berween the hattle-torn cities of Ramallah and Nablus. There is no way of detecting when an attack might occur except by watching the road ahead to see if it has already been covered in stones. If they can be spotted, the next step is to out one's foot down hard on the accelerator, in the hope that speed will outwit the

stone-throwers. One should add that journalists and other foreign visibeforehand not to embark on the journey. At every Israeli

way, soldiers attempt to discourage travellers from going any further.

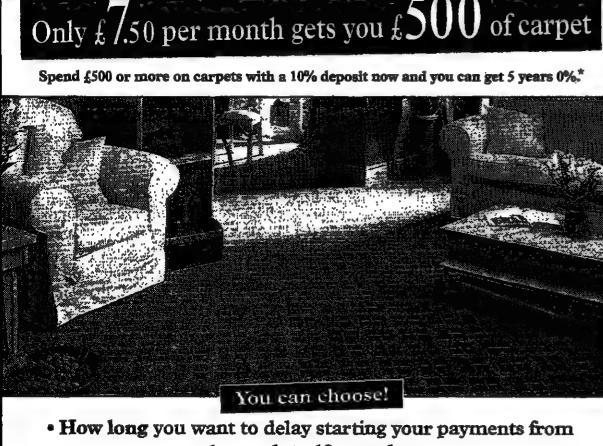
Even Jewish settlers, the real target of the attacks, sometimes pull over to warn oncoming drivers that a harrage of stones is imminent. just around the corner. One such man, wearing a religious skullcap, blocked the road at one point yesterday with his passenger van. "Stop," he said. "Stay here." Pulling an automatic rifle, he surveyed the area until he was satisfied

it was safe to go on. it seemed that the real over who controls the roads. The only way into Nablus yesterday was a rocky trail off the main road, after Israeli soldiers said no one was allowed to pass through the normal mute.

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The appearance of Israeli tanks added to the feeling that the Palestinian territories had been transformed overnight from self-rule enclaves into a war zone. One Palestinian shopkeeper in Nabius said yesterday he had no doubt who had started the war. "The israelis are to blame, you must write that. We are tired



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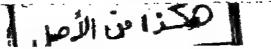
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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28 1996 Hinchliffe faces £35m writ over Facia collapse

BY PAUL DURMAN

STEPHEN HINCHLIFFE, the Sheffield businessman, is being sued for £35 million, plus interest, over the collapse of Facia, the retail group he ran. Mr Hinchliffe and Christopher Harrison. Facia's former finance director, are accused of breaching their fiduciary duties by ordering or permitting Facia Footwear, which they controlled, to make unjustifiable

payments. These, it is alleged, brought no benefit to Facia Footwear.

One alleged beneficiary was Shef
One alleged beneficiary was Sheffield United Football Club, which is said to have received £150,000 from Facia Fronvear, owner of the shoe shops that Facia took over from Scars. Mr Hinchliffe was a director of United until a few months ago.

The claims are being brought by administrators at Price Waterhouse, the firm of accountants handling the

are based on the movement of money around the Facia group and other Hinchliffe companies during the final nine months before they failed in June.

The biggest single claim against Mr Hinchliffe and Mr Harrison is for £20.7 million, which Facia Footwear allegedly paid to other companies in the Facia group -- includ-ing the owners of Salisburys, the luggage chain, Qakland Menswear. Red or Dead and Sock Shop.

Damages are also sought from the two men for apparently allowing an £11.9 million debt that was owed to Wisebird to be paid to the Facial Group. The writ says the debt was owed by British Shoe Corporation, part of Sears. A third claim seeks £1.1 million for rent and licence fees that

should have been paid to Cityscan but were allegedly paid to the Facia group. The administrators are also seeking a 4587,000 payment they claim was made by Facia Footwear to Matchmaker Holdings, another of Mr Hinchliffe's companies.

The Department of Trade and industry is seeking to have Mr. Hinchliffe disqualified as a director. and the Serious Fraud Office is investigating the Facia collapse.

Chelsea

to field

four new

stars

By Jon Ashworth BEER-SWILLING Scandinavian football fans will be out in force when one of London's newest hotels opens its doors next year. But the owners

hope that bolted-down furni-

ture, plastic cups, and a nice

line in baton charges can be

avoided at the four-star venue in the shadow of Chelsea

The Chelsea Village Hotel, due to open in November 1997,

might run the risk of turning

into a playground -- or worse

for over-enthusiastic fans.

Not so, insists Chelsea Village,

the leisure company which

Offices, apartments and a

234-space underground car

park are part of the game plan

unveiled a pre-tax loss of £2.9

Increased development ex-

penditure and doubled trans-

fer fees at Stamford Bridge

were behind the slump in

profits, which comes in Chel-

sea's first year on the Alterna-

shares closed 2p lower yester-

Turnover increased to £15.9 million (£13.2 million), but

higher operating expenses of £15.3 million (£10.2 million)

and transfer fees of £2.6

million (£1 million) resulted in

a pre-tax loss of £2.9 million. compared with a pre-tax profit

Matthew Harding, who

recently donated £1 million

to the Labour Party, has a

24.9 per cent stake in Chel-

sea. Ken Bates, the chair-

man, said the company was

intent in reducing its reliance

stream next year include the

hotel, four restaurants, a

business centre and offices,

and a banqueting suite.

Projects due to come on

on gate receipts.

of £1.5 million last time.

day at 82½ p.

Investment Market. Floated in March at 55p, the

million in the year to June 30.

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owns Chelsea FC.

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Chesterton hit by accounting errors

BY PAUL DURMAN

THE chief executive of Chesterton International, the property consultants, has left the company after a collapse in pre-tax profits partly caused by serious accounting errors. The £900,000 accounting write-off contributed to a collapse in full-year pre-tax profits, from £5.3 million to £2.4 million. Chesterton's

shares, strong performers earlier this year, yesterday fell by a third, to 69p. Giles Ballantine, chief executive since 1990, agreed to leave on Thursday. The company said that he recognised that his credibility had been

badly damaged by the poor results. Mr Ballantine, who earned £116,000 last year, has yet to agree compensation The accounting errors came to light during the year-end audit by Price Waterhouse, the accountants. Chesterton has, over recent years, reported £600,000 of excess profits because it double-counted commission earnings on rental in-

come. Another £300,000 charge was needed to reconcile the

books of Chesterton's Spanish business, which Price Waterhouse had not audited before. Other one-off costs included a ESOO,000 bill for settling professional indemnity claims, and a similar sum for rationalisation and redundancies. Chesterton also spent £850,000 developing Private Finance Initiative projects that have only

recently begun to bear fruit. The biggest loser from yes-terday's share price fall was British Gas, which acquired a 13 per cent stake last February when it sold Chesterton a business that manages about 2,500 British Gas properties. British Gas, whose financial controller, Mark Clare, sits on Chesterton's board, is locked into its shares until December 1998

Chesterton said that the underlying results last year were satisfactory, and current trading was "most encouraging" Earnings per share fell by 76 per cent, to 1.7p, but the total dividend is maintained at 3p via a 2p final due on December 2

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BBC strikes \$500m deal for pay-TV

is expected to strike a deal with

BSkyB to broadcast the chan-

It appears that BBC World-

wide, the BBC's commercial

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nications; and John Hen-

dricks, Discovery's founder

but it appears that the chan-

nels will be devoted to what the BBC does best - docu-

mentaries, drama, comedy,

lifestyle, art and music. Three channels will be launched by

Flextech in Britain while Dis-

covery aims to start at least six

in America. Roger Luard,

Flextech's chief executive, said

that the final agreement with

the BBC will by signed by the end of the year, with the first

channels ready for broadcast

Bob Phillis, chief executive of

BBC Worldwide, said: "I now

look forward to moving to a

successful conclusion in these

negotiations. Flextech and Dis-

covery have successful track

by next summer.

No details were disclosed

and chief executive.

nels on its satellites.

THE BBC has entered into exclusive negotiations with Discovery Communications of America and Flextech, its sister company in Britain, to launch its first pay-TV channels.

The deal, announced last night, is part of the BBC's effort to boost its dwindling financial strength by generating a stream of commercial

The talks with Discovery and Flextech come as a blow to BSkyB, the satellite broadcastr (nut is 40 per cent owned or News International, owner of The Times. BSkvB had been negotiating with the BBC to develop the themed channels in Britain, Flextech, however,

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nels, in the US and other arm, chose to enter exclusive negotiations with Discovery and Flextech because they international markets. Flextech's investment in Britain could guarantee broader expowould be considerably less. Some of the channels will not sure on cable and satellite carry the BBC logo though all systems in America. Flextech, the cable and satelwill contain varying amounts lite programmer, is half-owned by Tele-Communicaof BBC programming. BBC Worldwide will not tions Inc (TCI), America's largest cable company and

invest any of its own funds or mers. TCI, through its Liberty Media subsidiary, owns 49 channels. It will sell programming to the channels and take per cent of Discovery. Discovequity stakes in them. Negotiery's other shareholders are ations are under way to determine profit-sharing agree-ments with Flextech and Cox Communications, which holds stakes in UK Gold and UK Living; two pay-TV chan-nels in Flextech's portfolio, Discover The BBC is placing increas-

records in the development of

about \$500 million to develop.

market and transmit the chan-

Discovery expects to invest

subscription channels."

ing reliance on BBC Worldwide to supplement its licence fee income, which reached £1.82 billion in the latest financial year. The BBC is finding that licence fees alone are not enough to buy and create all the programming it needs in a highly competitive market. It lost the rights to the Grand Prix and the FA Cup last year because of lack of

Richard Emery, managing director of BBC Worldwide Television, said: "These agreements promise to strengthen significantly the BBC's commercial prospects in the multichannel era . . . We believe this will greatly increase our ability not only to continue to augment the licence fee, but also to maximise in future the commercial value of BBC



SFO sets Young date

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE Serious Fraud Office will open a formal investigation early next week into the way in which Peter Young, the Morgan Grenfell manager, ran two European funds before he was dis-

missed for gross misconduct.

The SFO had been expected to take the Morgan Grenfell case on this week, but had to postpone for operational reasons. Imro, the City watchdog for fund managers, raided Morgan Grenfell's London office on August 21 and since then has been in close contact with the SFO. The fraud office is expected to ask for assistance from City of London police The SFO investigation will centre on

the web of Luxembourg companies, including Russ Oil & Technology, established by Wyler & Woolf, a Swiss law firm, allegedly on Mr Young's instructions. The fraud office is involved primarily not because the case involves allegations of complex fraud but a number of overseas jurisdictions.

On the civil side, Imro is expected to begin disciplinary proceedings against Morgan Grenfell, owned by Deutsche Bank, and certain senior executives responsible for supervising Mr Young's trading and investments. Several of the Luxembourg holdings were listed in the fund portfolios. Imro said yesterday: "The SFO has

been informed of developments since

the beginning of our investigation."

By Jonathan Prynn TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT THE Government's struggling Pri-

vate Finance Initiative was given a rare boost yesterday when Michael Heseltine launched a £200 million extension to the Dockland Light Railway (DLR). The 26-mile line, which will cost £60

million more than originally estimated, is due to be completed by 2000 and will link South East London and Greenwich, the site of the Millenium Exhibition, with the DLR network. The line is being built and financed by the City Greenwich Lewisham Rail Link consortium (CGL Rail), which has been given a 25-year conces

The shareholders are John Mowlem, the construction firm: Hyder, the Welsh utility group; London Electricity: and Mitsui, the Japanese bank. It is being funded by a bond issue underwritten by BZW.

DLR link goes ahead

The Deputy Prime Minister, who has taken a lead in the Government's attempts to regenerate east London, hailed the project as "a magnificent addition to London's transport infrastructure". Journey times will be 17 minutes from Lewisham to Canary Wharf, and 30 minutes for Lewisham to the City. It will bring an additional 500,000 residents within 45 minutes travelling of Docklands.

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Openness the true meaning of business stakeholding

Thile Tony Blair paints his picture of a stakeholder economy and society, businesses debate what the stakeholding concept means for them. Mostly they just see costs.

Business reactionaries are running scared of the idea that companies have responsibilities to interest groups beyond their shareholders. They wheel out the old mantra "the business of business is business" and that companies meet their social obligations by creating wealth and paying taxes.

But my experience is this: socially responsible businesses are often faced with more tyrannies and paradoxes than other companies the tyranny of inadequate measurements, the paradox of altruism. The biggest tyranny of all is the tyranny of the "or".

We're told you can either be profitable or you can clean up the environment; you can either be against exploitation or you can exploit the popular myths created by the cosmetics industry; you can either test on animals or cut off your basis for future product development. The Body Shop is living

and you can make a positive contribution to the community. You can trade on a global scale and stick your neck out with campaigners for human rights. You can open up shops on more high streets and speak out about the social problems in that community.

If business leaders could look beyond the short-term asset-stripping corporate irresponsibility of 'right-sizing" and "out-sourcing" of the 1990s, they would see that shareholders' long-term interests are served by companies that cultivate the support and respect of all those who can affect their performance.

What today's corporate reactionaries forget is that, long before stakeholding became a political buzzword, it was sound business practice. Victorian philanthropists like Cadbury endowed educational institutions, libraries and hospitals in their local communities, and worked hard to improve the conditions and education of their employees. They understood that a cohesive

proof that you can make a profit society is an essential foundation for business success, and that their companies would thrive with healthier, better-educated and more productive people.

Show me the business that doesn't depend on loyal customers. motivated employees and committed suppliers and I'll use shareholder value as the exclusive measure of business success. Until then, we'll conduct our business as if people do matter.

Last year's RSA Tomorrow's Company inquiry made the case for a stakeholder approach. It said: Those companies which will sustain competitive success in the future are those which focus less exclusively on shareholders and financial measures of performance - and instead include all their stakeholder relationships . . . in the way they think and talk about their purpose and performance."

For me, human relations are the most important things in business. Our business is our employees, our customers, our franchisees, our suppliers, our shareholders, the campaigning groups we work with and the communities we trade in



Anita Roddick

and serve. Our business embraces stakeholders such as staff and customers and promotes participa-tion on a practical level. We build trade links that help develop communities in need. We encourage our staff to volunteer with local community groups. We reduce our costs through sound environmental management. This approach is not only socially responsible, but commercially successful.

When I recently visited Unipart I was bowled over by the way they

use staff participation to improve morale and efficiency. Ben & Jerry's engages in regular dialogue with its stakeholders to review and plan its social performance. And the Cooperative Bank has distinguished itself by taking a stand on ethical

What these businesses recognise is that customer and wider community interest in the ethical, social and environmental performance of business has never been higher. There is a rumbling curiosity in consumers to know the stories behind the brands. Today, people not only want to empathise with the products, they want to emphathise

with the company. That gives me some faith in the sture. Vigilante consumers will future. increasingly question companies and may boycott products if they don't like what they see in terms of environmental protection, social responsibility and community in-

If you doubt that, just ask Shell about public and customer reaction to both the Brent Spar affair and the execution of the Ongoni environmentalist Ken Saro-Wiwa. At the same time, shareholder activists will disrupt agms to make their point on social and environmental issues, and corporate behaviour is under the media spotlight as never

British Gas paid the price when shareholders, regulators and employees united against boardroom excess and Marks & Spencer found that relationships with suppliers in the developing world can turn to intense media scrutiny.

Any company that wants to take its stakeholder responsibilities seriously should start by being honest and open. In our experience, employees, business partners and suppliers are better motivated and more efficient when social and environmental - as well as financial - information is freely shared

in 1991 I wrote: "I would love it if every shareholder of every company wrote a letter every time they received a company's annual report and accounts. It would say some-thing like: "Okay, that's fine. But where are the details of your environmental audit? Where is your accounting to the community? Where is your social audit?"

dently verified audits of our track record on the environmental, animal-protection and human relationships within our business. When many people are talking about the stakeholder economy. this is one way of identifying how we impact on our stakeholders, and using that information to improve the business and our relationships.

The bottom line is that you can't build a business based on assetstripping and short-termism. Nor can a successful business operate in a society riddled with fear and insecurity. Corporate reputations and commercial prospects can be irretrievably damaged by poorly handled relationships and medio-

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cre ethical performance. While corporate Britain debates the stakeholding issue it should remember this: progressive companies that are honest and responsive will build the loyalty they need to deliver success in the long-term.

☐ The author is founder and chief executive of The Body Shop International.

Banks' home loans still buoyant

BY ROBERT MILLER

MORTGAGE lending by UK banks remained buoyant in August, traditionally a quiet month for the housing market, with gross loans some 6 per cent higher than in the previous month, at £2.8 billion.

Year-on-year comparisons. however, are distorted by the fact that the former National & Provincial Building Society (N&P) became absorbed into the banking sector when it

was formally taken over last month by Abbey National. In a similar vein. Cheltenham & Gloucester was included in the banking sector from August 1995, when it became the retail mortgage arm of what is now the Lloyds TSB group.

The British Bankers' Association said yesterday that net lending on a seasonally adjusted basis, including N&P's contribution, rose by £632 million, compared with an increase of £612 million in July.

BBA figures also underline the fragile nature of the housing market recovery to date, with the average value of approvals declining for the first time since February, by just over 2 per cent to £2.2 billion. The number of new approvais fell marginally to 38,156, from 38,253 in July.

Tim Sweeney, the directorgeneral of the BBA, said: Taking account of the numbers published by the building societies, seasonally adjusted

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mortgage lending overall in August was probably close to the buoyant May figure, though approvals data appear to be weaker than last month."

Precise comparisons with underlying movements in previous months were difficult because of N&P joining bank-☐ The pound yesterday hit its

highest level against the mark this year, partly because the German currency was weak, but also because of 2000 demand for British government bonds. Sterling was quoted at DM2.3840 in afternoon trading, surpassing the previous 1996 high of DM2.3822, set in July. The pound also traded at three-year highs against the

yen, at above Y173. Earlier, the Bank of England announced that two separate tranches of gilts had been sold out. Traders reported good demand from Japanese investors, drawn by the relatively high yield on British gilts.

Coalite company | Anagen UK losses top £38m

By Oliver August

LOSSES at Anglo United, the Coalite fuels company, in-creased sharply to £38.3 million, from £12.4 million, in the year to March 31.

The increase in losses was the result of a 17 per cent decline in demand for domestic solid fuel after the privatisation of British Coal, which had caused an industry-wide loss of liquidity and substantial destocking. Losses were 4.3p a share, against a 1.5p loss last time. The shares fell to hp. from lp, yesterday.

The company said that negotiations are taking place for the disposal of the group's smokeless fuels and chemicals activities.

"Whilst the restructuring may result in a further signiffcant dilution of the interests of those shareholders who are

not members of the group's banking syndicate, it is intended that this process will preserve some shareholder value, albeit that value could be less than the current market capitalisation of the group," it said.

Alan Brooks, chairman, said: This result was achieved in a very disturbed trading environment, which continued to be affected by the privatisation of the coal

Trading conditions in the domestic solid fuel market appear to have stabilised for the moment and sales of coalite during the summer have been maintained at levels similar to those of the

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months Valerie Douggleby will receive more phone calls than anyone in the country. As the woman running the helpline at Halifax Building Society whilst it converts into a public company, she will be in the front line of

one of the biggest logistical exercises ever undertaken . . . 🤊

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TOURIST RATES

put into liquidation

Anagen UK, the diagnostics company, has been put into liquidation after failing to find a marketing partner for its AuraFlex system. Philip Sykes and Martin Fishman, of Arthur Andersen, said they would look for a buyer.

Shares of Anagen, which achieved a 1996 high of 75p, were suspended on September 17 at 30 2 p.

Airtech's AIM

Airtech, which makes components to enhance the coverage of base stations in the cellular mobile telecommunications network, is to seek a share listing on the Alternative Investment Market. Shares to be placed with institutional investors at 68p each will value the company at £30.97 million. raising £10.35 million to fund expansion. Share dealings pegin on October 3.

Mariey buys

Marley, the building products company, is buying Green-wood Air Management, which extractor fans, from Hunter Group for £17.5 million. In the year to June 30 Greenwood, which operates from sites in the South East, had sales of £11.9 million and earned operating profits of £2.4 million.

Shorts order

Short Brothers, the Belfast aerospace company, has won a E10 million contract to supply airframe components for copter. The work, for 67 Apaches ordered by the Ministry of Defence, will support

There's more to building a workforce than simply pulling together a lot of people and telling them to get on with it. Johnson Controls are a 'just-in-time' company in the automotive industry, next door to Ford at Halewood. When they moved to Merseyside in '94, they devised their own job application form that looked for team players. People who played for a local football team. People who organised outings for the disabled. From 600 interviews, 104 were chosen. Only 3 And after special training by one of Merseyalde's three Training & Enterprise Councils, the 104 graduates "Forget Liverpool or Everton. This is the best team on Merseyside." When the production line started rolling, Johnson saw one or two things you rarely see coming off a Team spirit. Initiative. People who cared about Their working methods have proved so successful that Johnsons have used some of their Merseyside workforce as consultants in developing their production "I would like to take my workforce with me - wherever I go." But the enthusiasm, teamwork and 'can-do' attitude you find on Merseyside aren't restricted to Johnson Controls Ask the management teams at other car component companies, like Delco Electronics, Champion Spark Plugs and Mackie Automotives.

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A WORKING WEEK FOR: JOHN RANDALL

Numbers man plots a new era for MFI

Morag Preston meets a chief executive tempered by the hell of a management

buyout and some horrific trading years

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Anagen UK

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JOHN RANDALL is now in the driving seat of MFI Furniture as chief executive of the Wednesday flat-pack giant. He sat alongside the flamboy-Thursday ant Detek Hunt, who was MFT's chief executive and chairman

when Randall was finance director, the post he held at the time of the management buyout. It was Randall, however, at the helm this month when the company's share price shot through the £2 level.

Randali, 50, says of the MFI management buyout: "It was a bigger change than I had anticipated, and it took me a little while to get fully to grips with what I was doing." His unassuming style has led some to think that he is little more than Hunt's sidekick. "I haven't developed the whole process, but I'm driving it, and that's the difference," says Randall, adding that the way to survive is not to follow the example set, but to be yourself. Randall has been 18 years at MFI, which he joined as financial controller in 1978. Seven years later he was promoted to finance director. Crunch time came in 1987, as part of Hunt's MBO team, which

went through a "very tough time" buying the furniture company from Asda, the supermarket chain, after an ill-fated merger two years earlier. Seven directors, including Ran-dall, bought out MFI for E717 million, a figure that set a record at the time.

to do . . . this business has a "Many's the time I've lot further it watched the dawn rise, and I'm not talking of the summer," says Randall, can go 🤊 describing the hell that was the MBO. "It's not

something I'd recommend to anybody, but you had to ensure the survival of the

Since then, MFI has been through a second. £760 million, flotation on the London Stock Exchange, after which Mr Randall was appointed group managing director in 1994. As the UK's largest integrated manu-

facturer and retailer of furniture, MFI reported a 17 per cent increase in sales for the first 21 weeks of this financial year. Two stores have opened in Spain, and six in France, where sales have grown by 35 per cent. Midway through the programme, 61 out of 184 stores have been converted to MFI Homeworks in the UK. at a cost of more than £500,000 each, seiling a broader range of products. including furnishings, textiles and tableware. "Our textile range is one of the best-kept secrets in Britain," Randall says.

His home, at St Albans, Hertfordshire, where he lives with his wife, Linda, and 15-year-old daughter, boasts a range of MFI bedrooms and an MFI kitchen, as

will his next house, when he moves to Wheathampstead, near Harpenden, in 1997. Last Thursday, Randall sold 50,000 shares for £97,000 in preparation for the move. But while he may spend his weekends wandering through his nearby MFI, decorating is not Randall's forte. For many people, the co-ordination of colour is quite a problem," he says, "If I were unfortunate to have to buy things like that for myself, rather than have a wife who can do it for me, that would be a

big issue in my mind." Having left school at 16 to sell rimber for Hollis Brothers in Yorkshire, a company that was later taken over by Robert Maxwell, Randall describes it as "the hardest job of any". Bored and ambitious, he returned to education eight years later, when his wife was expecting their third child, to embark on a two-year HND in business studies at Hull College. Getting the graphs the right way round was a terrible problem, and his ability with figures led him towards accountancy. "I had no more wish to be an accountant than fly to the moon," says the man who spent two years as a graduate trainee accountant with Spillers, the flour and bread business, hitching lifts home to Hornsey at weekends.

In search of something "a bit freer and a bit more exciting", Randall answered

two newspaper adver-tisements for a job at Don Miller's Hot Bread Kitchen and another at MFI, which reported a £30 million annual turnover at that time. The former did not call him for an interview, but he hit it off immediately with Edward Lea, then finance director of MFI and now with Bupa, and

was brought in as financial controller. Hunt was retail director at that time. "I remember him having some fairly unkind words to say about being a York-shireman," Randall recalls. "It was only later that I found out he was one as well."

MFI has huge factories in the north of

England, and operations spreading into Europe, so Randall spends much of his week working in the back of his chauffeur-driven Mercedes. He travels to France once a month, on average. When not travelling, he will be at MFI's 50,000 sq ft headquarters in Colindale, north London, by 8.30, and will not set off for home until ten hours later.

Last Tuesday was the AGM in London. Randall then shuttled between central London and Colindale for three meetings on Wednesday. On Thursday, it was Hygena, at Howden near Hull, and on

Friday it was back to base at Colindale. Canapes and corporate entertainment only occasionally squeeze their way on to Randall's timetable. "You could fill your diary with that kind of thing if you



John Randall visiting MFI's Watford store: "The fundamental formula of retailing should be that it is capable of adapting to the changing environment."

wished, but we're a business and our customer is the man in the street," he says. "If I went to a cocktail party in the evening it wouldn't add one pound onto our sales during that week, and, at the end of the day, that's what matters." Instead, after work, Randall prefers to take himself off to the garage adjoining his house — "Where they can't get at me"
— to sweat for at least half-an-hour on the

Having forsaken squash during the MBO years, Randall and his wife have joined a golf club, but he is still not sure whether he likes the game. Much of his weekend is spent shepherding the youngest of his four children to various sporting activities; last weekend it was a girls' county hockey match. Walking and sailing are his hobbies, and Linda's enthusiasm for classical music is starting to rub off on him. A tell-tale Union Jack is still lodged in the back of the Mercedes as a memento from the Last Night of the

Randall's 28-year-old son works in food retailing, and his younger son works for a French bank. His elder daughter, aged 24, is an engineer with Carnaud-Metalbox. Asked whether they have ever worked at MFI, he laughs: "Not work for the old man. They all want to make their own way in the world, and they're doing just that."Randall's

Monday _ own childhood was spent roaming the

countryside and camping down by the river worked as an engineer at the local mental hospital, "No one had a car in them days, so I got a bus ten miles to school every day," Randall recalls. "I went to Hull once a

year if I was lucky." Looking to his future with the furniture group, Randall says that it will take at ast three years before the conversion of MFI Homeworks is complete. "You can

only work within the time framework you find yourself in," he says. "The last couple of years have been extremely difficult, the markets have been very depressed. And during that time we had to commit to spending a great deal of money, driving the business forward, investing in the

With a mission to attract those shoppers who might once have considered MFI somewhat downmarket, Randall insists: "It doesn't fit the image of cheap and cheerful any longer, it is exceptional value for money. We have got the advantage of volume, which is the amount we push through our stores, and we've got the advantage of price, and that's because of our highly efficient manufacturing operation. If you put those two together, it's a virtuous circle." He adds: "We're constantly introducing new ranges in the stores

and that's the key, not standing still." Marks & Spencer and McDonald's are among the companies that Randall cites as role models. "The fundamental formula of retailing should be that it is capable of adapting to the changing environment, and that's not beyond the wit of man," he says. "Any sensible retailer should be able to achieve that."

On the subject of politics, Randall asks for stability above all, saying: "I just hope that if there were a change of government, we could maintain those two fundamental planks, sustainable economic growth and low interest rates. That's very important."

Recalling the furniture group's success in the late Eighties, Randall adds: "The price we paid afterwards was horrific. It's very difficult to run a business that's running at 100mph for two years and then running at 80mph for five or six years."

With what he considers the worst over. Randall is looking forward to taking the furniture group into the future, in the knowledge that his paid employment will end with MFI. "I'm only recently in the job," he says. "I've got plenty of enthusiasm, and a lot to do because this business has got a lot further it can go."

HIDDEN ASSETS

Music-maker blows its own trumpet at the museum



Musical ensemble: A selection of the instruments at the Boosey & Hawkes museum

common: taragato, ophicleide and flageolet? No, they are not the ingredients of a Greco-Californian salad from the kitchens of Marco Pierre White. They are musical instruments found in a curious collection of musical antiques owned by Boosey & Hawkes, the instrument maker and music publisher.

Edgware in north London is Boosey & Hawkes territory, and hidden away next to one of its 1920s factory buildings is a small museum of glass cases containing some of the most obscure instruments ever to be found nestling in red velveteen. Take, for example, the 1840 flute made in Paris by a certain M Noblet. Constructed of stained wood simulating bamboo and horn, it has just one wooden key flush with the body. Nothing particularly unusual about that - until you discover its other role in life, as a walking stick. Another oddity is the Bb flute, which can be turned into a C flute by plugging certain holes with boxwood pegs. Next to this is a flute d'amour, an unusual example of the Joanna Pitman says that Boosey & Hawkes have hit the right note with their collection of antiques

alto flute that enjoyed a brief Euro-pean vogue in the late 18th century. From here on the collection becomes steadily more abstruse, starting with the taragato, a Hungarian invention, a kind of oboe made of ebonite, with twelve keys, manufactured by Schunda of Budapest. It was brought to England specifically for a performance of Tristan and Isolde but is now close to extinction.

The museum has an octavin, another kind of oboe close in range to the cor anglais. And for brass instrumentalists, there is a range of sarrousaphones in Bb and Eb, and a baritone sarrousaphone, all early forms of the trombone. There is a Swannee saxaphone, a saxhorn, several serpents and four ophicleides, large tuba-like brass instruments. And for fans of obscure Polynesian musical instruments there is a fine collection of decorated nose flutes. All

were made either by Boosey & Hawkes or affiliated companies. The company's history dates back more than 200 years to the 1760s, when John Boosey founded a music lending library in London. In the 1850s, the company diversified into making brass and wind instruments and started a series of concerts - the Boosey Ballad Concerts. Hawkes & Son was founded in 1865 by William Henry Hawkes, concentrating on band and orchestral music publishing, but also producing a range of

instruments and reeds. Both acquisitive firms, Boosey & Co and Hawkes & Sons were rivals that bought up smaller music publishing firms and agencies up until their own merger in 1930. The new firm's publishing division grew rapidly, spurred by Ralph Hawkes's decision to buy Universal Edition and Editions Russes de Musique. The firm became

the publisher of Bartok, Kodaly and Delius and signed the unknown Benjamin Britten in 1935 as well as Stravinsky, Copland and Marinu. By the late 1940s, the firm had signed up Richard Strauss and had secured many of the most important copyrights of this century.

The instrument-making division has grown into one of the world's leading manufacturers of brass, woodwind and stringed instruments It has bought brand names, including Besson, the French brass instrument maker, Buffet Crampon, which specialises in clarinets, oboes, bassoons and saxophones, and Hofner, manufacturers of stringed and fretted instruments and most famous for the "Beetle Bass" played by Paul McCartney. Boosey & Hawkes now has factories and distribution offices in France, Germany, the Benelux countries, Australia, Japan and North America. And for those still wonder-ing about the flageolet, it is a variation on the flute, typically made of boxwood and ivory - and definitely not recommended for the cassoulet pot.

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Early Wall Street drop trims London's gains

ment bonds ended the week on a firm note as institutional investors began squaring up their positions ahead of the third quarter's end.

The equity market was unable to maintain the early pace as Wall Street opened with early losses last night, but the FT-SE 100 index finished in positive territory with a rise of 13.2 points at 3.946.4. That was a loss on the week of 17.7. Turnover at 625 million dipped below the levels seen earlier this week.

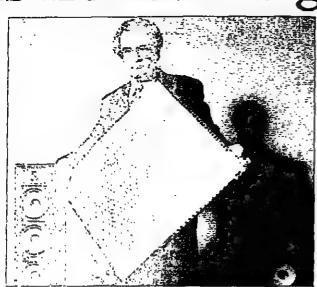
Shares of Glaso Wellcome raced up 18p to a new high of 994p after its Zantac 75 treatment received a recommendation for regulatory approval in Austria, Belgium, France, Italy and Luxembourg. The 75mg tablet for the relief of acid indigestion and heartburn is already marketed in this country and Holland, Eslewhere in the sector. SmithKline Beecham climbed lotap to 771p. with Zeneca, a favourite for takeover, 33p better at £15.80.

Oil shares were squeezed higher as market-makers continued to suffer from stock shortages. BP rose 612p to 654'ap. Burmah Castrol 4'ap. to £11.3812 and even Shell rallied op to \$7812p. But the best performance was saved for Enterprise Oil, up 15p at 553p, after the group upgraded its estimate of reserves for the Valhall Field in Norway, The group is due to meet brokers next week.

Hanson, which hit a new low earlier this week, rallied a further lp to 15512p. There are just a couple of days to go before demerging Millennium Chemicals and Imperial Tobacco. Before the demerger was announced earlier this year, the Hanson share price topped the 300p mark, but has since lost ground. Institutional investors are growing increasingly apprehensive about the

benefits of the proposed split. CH Bailey, the business and financial managers. firmed 'ap to 73 ap after returning to the black in the first half with pre-tax profits of 9081,671 compared with the previous deficit of \$1.04 million. Once again shareholders will not receive a dividend.

The Circ seems unim-pressed with half-year figures from Huntleigh Technology. Pre-tax profits grew from £7.2 million to £7.9 million, but the group hinted that it was feeling the affects of healthcare budgeting pressure here



Farnd Arima, of Verity, which rose 714p on high turnover

and in me OS. Brokers respended or downgrading their estimates for the full year, leaving the shares nursing a fall of 122 ap at 6-10p. The group will move to a fulllisting in November.

As expected, shares of Electrophereties internationai were marked sharply higher in early trading, with the price total ling 90p before closing 1212p dearer at 7712p. It

that the first quarter had been badly affected by the scare over "mad onw" disease. But steps had been taken to replace sales of beef-based products with fish, lamb, pork and vegetable products. Costs had also been reduced. As if it was not bad enough

being turned over by Liverpool last Saturday. Chelsea. Village, which owns the Premiership side, scored an own

Signs of a recovery in some of its main markets lifted British Sheet 4p to 196/2p, just 4p short of its high for the year, as more than ten million shares changed hands. Usinor, its big French rive), said at a presentation to brokers in London vesterday that there were clear signs of a pick-up in demand in Europe.

emerged late on Thursday that the group had been granted a licence to develop a process that can identify "mad cown disease in humans. The National Institute of Health in the US has issued a licence to develop the process.

Cavaghan & Gray also rose op to 84p ofter shrugging off any worries it may have had about BSE. Michael Abrahams, chairman, told shareholders as the annual meeting goal with full-year figures vesterday showing the group plunging into the red. The shares slipped 2p to 8212p.

Courtyard Leisure jumped op to 1934p on learning that Robert Earl, the man behind the Planet Hollywood restaurants, has bought 900,000 shares, or 3.25 per cent, of the company, at 11.5p a share. At the halfway stage Richard Capper, Courtyard's new chairman, revealed pre-tax

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£175.744 for the corresponding period. But he says the future is now looking a lot brighter. There was heavy turnover in Verity, the electronics specialist whose chief executive is Farad Azima. The company at 231 p. Turnover reached

ing the entire company at £53.3 million. The group's NXT subsidiary has developed a completely flat speaker which will be developed for use in cars. PA systems and domestic stereo systems. The group has decided to raise extra capital for the project by selling equity in

almost 27 million shares, valu-

NXT to outside investors. Superframe fell lp to 2312p after slipping deeper into the red at the halfway stage with trading conditions becoming increasingly difficult. The defi-cit was £167,051 compared with a loss for the corresponding period of £41,877. There had been a pick-up in orders during the second half.

Worse than expected figures saw Anglo United's stock market price tag halve, along with the share price from 1p to 12p. Last year saw losses at the group increase from E124 million to £38.3 million.

☐ GILT-EDGED: Prices made early headway as the London bond market attempted to catch up with some of its European counterparts. The market was unable to sustain the early pace, with prices closing below their best as profit-taking developed ahead of the weekend.

Even so, the Bank of England was able to take advantage of the market's strength to issue further tranches of stock. This included £200 million of Treasury 712 per cent 2006, E200 million of Treasury Index-linked 212 per cent 2003 and £250 million of Treasury Index-linked 212 per cent 2016.

In the futures pit, the De-cember series of the long gift touched £109116 before closing three ticks better at £1089 to as turnover reached a total of 121.000 contracts. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 added 11s at £100132,

while in shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was a couple of ticks firmer at £i03%. □ NEW YORK: Shares on Wall Street were mixed amid caution over earnings and more than a dozen public offerings. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 15.53 points lower at 5,853.32.

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A double-edged day

a coup by wiping out a third of the share price on the same day as it reported excellent trading. The property consultant has disappointed investors before. Floated in 1994, Chesterton's shares fell steadily until August last year. But the company seemed to have turned the corner and the shares doubled in the space of nine months, driven on by a deal to take over the management of 2,500 British Gas properties and by a recovering market.

But Chesterton seemingly managed to over-state profits by £600,000 because it recorded the commission earned on rental income both centrally and at local level. One does not need to be an accountant to see the problem, but Price Waterhouse failed to pick it up in

It is also odd that Chesterton has only now

CHESTERTON International has pulled off disclosed that it has spent £850,000 on gearing up to take part in the Private Finance Initiative without getting anything back so far. PFI's slow progress is scarcely news.
With a new finance director, one suspects

that there is an element of kitchen-sinking but Chesterton deserves credit for not trying to hide the scale of blunders.

But Chesterton's underlying business looks strong. It is starting to see the benefits from the British Gas acquisition and from the PFI investment. Recently reunited with Chestertons Residential, the group is benefiting from the strong London market.

If one accepts that most of the problems are historic, there seems little reason why this year Chesterton should not make close to the £8.5 million brokers previously forecast. But it may take time to win back confidence.

Hepworth

JOHN CARTER, chief executive of building products group Hepworth, goes to bed at night dreaming of pipes and boilers and has visions of planting Hepworth flags stretching from Sheffield, the company's home town.

The group is already a fair way towards achieving this international ambition, with recent moves into Poland and two manufacturing plants under way in China.

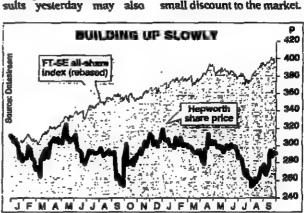
The logic of moving into new, developing markets where the demand is high and the competition less fierce is appealing. But the market's view of the stock is likely to remain coloured by the UK and Europe. In the first half, the build-

ing products division was battling against an 11 per cent drop in new house starts, and a 16 per cent drop in roadbuilding. Home products were also squeezed. with demand for garage doors down 9 per cent.

There are signs of im and the UK but the markets will take time to recover a strong momentum. The share-price dip after the re-

reflect the surprise departure of François Chene, the highly rated head of Hepworth Saunier Duval, the French subsidiary.

Analysts are looking for full-year profits of £69 million, down from £74.5 miltion in 1995. The shares trade on a par with the sector on a multiple of just under 14, a small discount to the market.



PFI

THE Private Finance Initiative is slowly but surely beginning to have an impact on the capital markets. Yesterday saw the launch of the second bond to be issued under PFI, whose aim is to encourage private finance of public work in a slightly more organised manner than the Eurotunnel flotation, the giant forerunner to the

Yesterday, BZW launched a £165 million bond to finance the £200 million extension of London's Docklands Light Railway south of the Thames into Lewisham. The £165 million bond was issued . Lewisham uch has just the contract

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comparison, the CGLR bond matures in 2020 and has been launched at 130 basis points over the gift that matures in 2017. It was subsequently trading at 125 basis points over the comparable

The buyers were mainly British institutions. The bonds have been given a single A rating by Duff and Phelps and carry no thirdparty guarantee. unlike RMC's, which has its principai and coupon payments guaranteed by Ambac, the American insurer. RMC's bond, however, got a triple A rating from Moody's and Standard & Poor's.

Anglo United

THE idea is almost tempting. Anglo United shares are now priced at 1p. One might say that if the company had a plausible rescue strategy, the upside potential would be huge. How much lower can the shares go from 2p, an innocent investor might ask.

They only have to creep back to 2p and one would have quadrupled one's money. district

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However, yesterday's performance by the shares should be a warning to anyone thinking of trying to make a quick buck. Anglo United went down 50 per cent yesterday, from lp to 2p. And they could go down another 50 per cent, to 4 p. Anyone who invests in the shares now could see their money halved, not quadrupled. Ultimately, the shares might lose value altogether.

But is this likely? Does the management have a vaguely plausible rescue strategy? Plausible it is, but also risky. Anglo United is to sell off most of its activities and concentrate on oil exploration in the Falklands. The sell-off will need - and should get — shareholder approval. The company is working with its creditors and banks. Problems would. however, arise if Anglo's Falkland Islands Company ran into delays.

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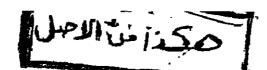
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Fighting to keep its customers on line



Pru steps up battle for savers' cash

Insurer's new banking service will inspire its rivals to follow suit, says Marianne Curphey

day The men from the Pru are going into banking, almost certainly to be followed by other big names in insurance. the launch of the deposit-taking division, lies the wish to retain the cash from matured policies.

The move could transform the retail banking market within five years if the Prudential's imminent venture is successful. Rival life insurers will be watching carefully to see whether Prudential's attempt to poach customers from banks and building societies pays off. If it does, they will begin setting up their own banking operations.

Prudential announced this week that it was launching a range of mortgage products and deposit accounts aimed primarily at customers whose life policies were maturing and who had lump sums to invest. Its High Interest Deposit Account, which opens on Tuesday, is paying 3.1 per cent interest on balances of £500 and above, or 3.15 per cent on balances of £2,000 and above. its 60-day Notice Account is paying 3.85 per cent on bal-ances of £2,000 and 3.95 per

cent on £5.000 upwards.
Prudential's life insurance
rival Standard Life is just weeks from revealing details of its own deposit-taking sermanager of marketing, says the service will be a simple postal instant access account offering rates that are "as good if not a little better than those

offered by Prudential". Some of the UK's largest insurers are currently examining the costs and advantages of running their own bank. Others, including Scottish Widows, Direct Line and Frizzell, have already opened theirs. Legal & General currently offers mortgages and is looking at the possibility of opening a banking service next year. Guardian Royal Exchange says it stopped selling its own mortgages to the general public in the 1980s and has no plans to set up its own bank. Insurers are unlikely to offer current accounts since these are costly and involve a

lot of administration. Observers believe that Legal & General, Norwich Union. Friends Provident and Allied Dunbar are all likely to be running their own banking vervices by the turn of the

century, and mutual life insurers and large composite insur-ers may follow suit. Scottish Widows, a mutual fund, has been running a banking oper-ation since May 1995.

Prudential's move is effectively a declaration of war on banks and building societies, intending to poach their customers and encourage people to keep their money with Prudential when their life policies mature. The move is essentially defensive: life insurers have seen banks and building societies encroach on their traditional customer base by launching their own life and pensions products.

rudential is aiming its products at the mass market and pitching its opening savings rates for deposit accounts just above the average returns currently available from major banks and building societies. It pays out more than £1 billion annually in maturing policies and arranges around £700 million of mortgages each year through banks and building societies for its 6 million customers. It approached the Bank of England for a deposit-taking licence a year ago and this was granted earlier this month.

of Prudential Banking, says he

able and claimed that postal accounts from building societies often offered high initial rates to attract customers and then reduced them. He hopes to woo existing Prudential savers away from building societies. "We are looking to attract people who need help in deciding to switch their account," he said. "We are not interested in 'hoppers' who jump from account to account

chasing the best rates."

Halifax Building Society, which is about to convert to a bank, currently offers just 0.5 per cent interest on balances in its current account, and 2.15 per cent for savers with balances in its branch-based deposit account. Despite offering low rates, most of its savers are unlikely to switch to a rival building society until Halifax has converted to a bank to protect conversion bonuses.

The Halifax has adopted a wait-and-see response to the Pru's announcement. A spokesman said: "Prudential's savings product is priced very competitively but it will be interesting to see how long it can sustain such high rates in a low interest rate environment." The Portman Building Soci-

ety, which intends remaining mutual, is offering 4.5 per cent on all balances above £100 in its instant access account, and Mike Harris, chief executive described the Prudential's rate



Sweetener for Refuge investors

SHAREHOLDERS in Refuge Assurance will learn on Monday more details about the improved offer for the life insurer's merger with United

Friendly.

The deal has been dogged by controversy after claims by a num-ber of Refuge's large institutional shareholders that Refuge had been undervalued by around £400

After much wrangling, Refuge announced a sweetener for its shareholders in the form of a new security which would give them the right to share in some of Refuge's surplus funds in the future. The release of these funds depends on the agreement of the Department of Trade and Industry.

Shareholders are likely to learn

on Monday more information about the institutions' response to the improved offer and the votes already received in favour. Refuge has always maintained that it believes

the merger will be successful.

Meanwhile, United Friendly shareholders have overwhelmingly backed the proposed merger between the two companies.

At an extraordinary general meeting which was opened and adjourned yesterday. Refuge said it had received acceptances for the deal from shareholders holding approximately 91.5 per cent of United Friendly ordinary shares. Shareholders who owned 71.6 per cent of B shares had also accepted

Refuge shareholders now have until October 16 to consider the improved offer. Refuge said the merger offers remain open for acceptance of confirmation until that date.

Refuge has said that, together with its advisers, it is "continuing to explore effective ways" in which this sweetener, in the form of a new security, might operate. This process is expected to be finalised over the weekend, with the help of Phoenix Securities, its advisers.

> Weekend Money is edited by Anne Ashworth

Rates need close look

Drudential's new banking I service comes at a time when rates paid by high-street banks and building societies are at an historic low (Mari-

count for balances of more than £2,500. Abbey National pays 2.45 per cent on balances

ning to convert, offers 2.45 per cent on balances of £500 and above, while the Northern Rock pays just 0.65 per cent on instant-access accounts with

balances under £10,000. The Portman, a building society which has pledged to remain mutual, and Direct Line, the motor and household insurer, come top with an instant-access rate of 4.5 per cent. This applies to balances of £100 or more at the Portman and £1,000 or more at Direct Line. Nationwide, another mutual building society, pays 2.8 per cent to savers with

balances of over £500. Scottish Widows Bank, which now has 10,000 savers after its launch in May 1995, offers 4.5 per cent on balances over £2,000 and runs the account by post and telephone. According to Moneyfacts, the

money information service, the highest postal account rates on balances of £2,500 are from the Yorkshire building society at 4.9 per cent and the First National building society at 5.10 per cent. All rates

are quoted gross. Prodential is launching a 60-day notice account, offering 3.85 per cent on balances of £2,000 to £5,000, although this figure includes an annual loyalty bonus of 0.5 per cent. To qualify, savers must make no more than two withdrawals per year and maintain a minimum balance of £2,000.

Among the best notice accounts, according to Money facts, is First National's 90day account paying 5.5 per cent on balances of £2,500 and

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unne Curphey writes). A glance at the major play-

ers in the high street shows that few are paying more than average balance. Halifax is paying 2.5 per cent on its Liquid Gold instant-access acof £500 and above for its Instant Saver account.

The Woolwich, which is in the process of converting to a bank, is among the least generous. Its Prime Gold instant access account pays 1.75 per cent on balances of £500 to £5,000. The Alliance & Leicester, which is also plan-

PERSONAL INVESTOR GRAHAM **SEARJEANT**

Have funds, will travel

ing IMF medicine and former communist states are making up for lost time. A new study from the International Finance Corporation, private enterprise affiliate of the World Bank, shows the pace of change. In the past decade, the number of national stock exchanges outside the established industrial world has doubled to more than 60. Listings have doubled to nearly 20,000 and their combined market value has multiplied by ten to £1,250 billion — about 30 per cent more than UK quoted shares.

nvesting in emerging markets still seems, for most of us, a peripheral venture into the exotic: a gamble on

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The LFC has had a lot to do with this. promoting early investment trusts, murual funds and unit trusts to enable Western investors to put capital into these markets when governments per-mitted. Since the mid-1980s, a thousand funds worth £85 billion have mushroomed in this fertile soil. Nearly half the money is in funds geared to Asian tigers and their cubs. Funds for India and China are now accelerating fast. though not without the odd crash.

For most private investors, however, the starting point should be global emerging markets funds, which leaven excitement with diversification. More than 250 of them, mostly transatlantic, are now worth £25 billion. They are no instant passport to riches. Since the start

of 1986, the IFC composite index of emerging markets, calculated in dollars, has risen about 230 per cent. But you would have done as well on Wall Street. At home, the FT-SE all share index rose about 175 per cent and paid better dividends. Emerging markets were also more volatile, even in aggregate, Prices fell steeply in 1990, when the world economy faltered, and in 1994-95, after the Mexican panic. Investors still tend to descend on fashionable destinations like tourists, only to desert together too as

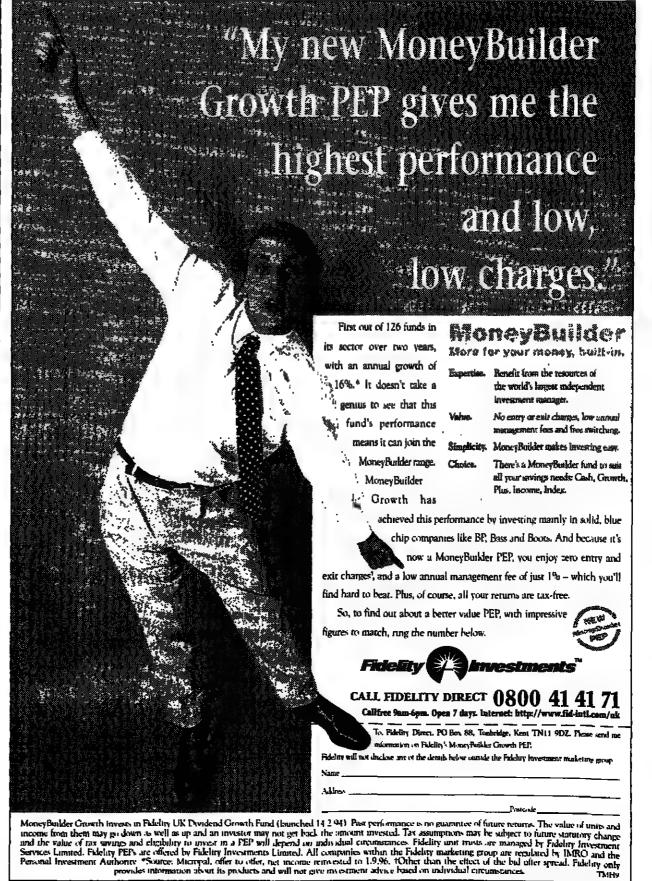
the coach party moves on. The good news is that emerging markets outperformed most of the time. After the post-Mexico crash, they now look ready to resume healthy growth as US investors realise that the rest of Latin America was not making the same mistakes and that Eastern Europe is seething with opportunity.

Those crashes each cut values by a third or more. The first one took four years to repair. The IFC index has not yet regained its 1994 peak. The message could not be clearer. Investing in emerging market funds is a long-term business. The minimum time horizon is five years and ten is better

The other message is that the best funds do not invest in emerging markets, but in individual fast-growing companies. For that reason, the top specialist in this area can boast that the price of shares in Templeton Emerging Markets investment trust has grown threefold since 1989 while the IFC index has struggled to gain 25 per cent. The group's £6 billion of funds have outper-formed most of the time since Sir John Templeton put money into Japanese growth companies in the 1950s.

the latest thoughts of Mark Mobius. Sir John's successor and now a legend in his own right, can be read in Mobius on Emerging Markets (Pitman £30). They reveal that the secret of emerging market investment is that there is no secret. Like some 1990s Victorian, Dr Mobius relies on a healthy body and healthy mind to prepare him for endless deep study and grinding hard work as he tours the globe for eight months a year visiting and investigating potential investments. Such a schedule distances you from the herd but you still need to be an optimist.

Potential is growing all the time. Other top managers such as Schroders are trying hard. Templeton will inevitably find it harder to beat the index so well. But the best global opportunities are unlikely to be grasped by me-too funds — or by casual me-too investors.



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Sarah Jones looks at pensioners' bonds



Aiming high: the older saver wants to bag a good return that is guaranteed for several years

Societies woo the over-50 investor

nsurance companies have done it. and now banks and building societies are doing it - targeting the over-50s. And older savers, reliant on the monthly interest options, certainly need a little cheer in these days of paltry

Birmingham Midshires Building Society this week launched a fixed-rate bond specifically for the over-50s "in an all-out attack on National Savings' £5 billion share of the pensioners' savings market", according to the society itself. The bond pays monthly interest of 7.3 per cent gross, fixed for five years. That rate compares well with the rate on the National Savings pensioners' bond of 7 per cent and beats all monthly-option five-year bonds currently on offer up to a balance of £50,000, when the Britannia takes over at 7.5 per cent.

David Taylor, investment manager of Birmingham Midshires, said: "By the turn of the century, there will be a record 10.8 million people over state retirement age, and with more than a fifth of the workforce now taking early retirement, there is a growing need for savings accounts which provide a

regular income." Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, launched the National Savings Pensioners' Guaranteed Income Bond three years ago to help those whose incomes are made unpredictable by

changing interest rates.

In the last Budget, the age qualification was lowered from 65 to 60 because, a National Savings spokeswoman says, the bond had proved it has a place in the market". The maximum investment was also raised, from £20,000 to

bond, it is currently National Savings' lead product. National Savings rightly points out important differences between its pensioners' bond and that from Birmingham Midshires. The NS bond is more accessible, with a minimum opening balance of £500, comwith Birmingham Midshires' £2.500

With the latter, no withdrawals are allowed in the first two years and after that instant access is subject to 120 days' loss of interest. With National Savings,

Birmingham **Midshires Building Society**

you can withdraw your money, but with 60 days' loss of interest for 60 days' notice or 90 days' loss of interest for immediate withdrawal. Finally, interest, although taxable, is paid gross with the National Savines bond.

With Birmingham Midshires, interest will be paid net of basic rate tax, but the society says that it will encourage non-taxpayers to fill out a R85 form so that they can have interest paid gross.

ment Savings Bond from Abbey Natinterest, fixed for five years. The qualifying age is 60 and minimum investment is £2,500.

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"It only takes one bank or building society to start a trend," says Christine Bayliss, of MoneyFacts, the savings information provider.

"It's basically a marketing exercise. They see a gap in the market and then pitch a product at it. They already offer something special for, say, students, so why not for the over-50s?

A few other banks and societies do offer over-50s accounts. There are instant access over-60s from the Marsden Building Society and the Nottingham Imperial Building Society, for example.
The Allied Trust Bank gives a 0.2 per

cent bonus on its notice accounts, while the Market Harborough has a one-year bond called 55 Plus paying 5.15 per cent gross (5

per cent monthly) on a balance of £5,000.
The Principality Building Society's Inrestment Bond pays 6.82 per cent monthly, fixed until early 2000. The qualifying age is 60 and the minimum balance is

Although there are specialist insurance companies for the over-50s, most insurers offer some sort of age-related discount for motor and house insurance, simply because older customers make fewer claims. On the other hand, travel insurance can be weighted against the over-50s, since they make more claims, especially for medical help.

Insignia prospectus revised

INSIGNIA CASHBACKED. vestment Scheme (EIS), has changed its prospectus after pressure from a leading group

of financial analysts. Insignia uses the tax breaks available to EIS companies to offer investors a tax-free guaranteed return after five years
— at least £1.20 for every £1

Under the scheme, which has already pulled in more than £3 million. five companies will be set up to market corporate hospitality facilities

The issue is intended to raise ES million. Because much of this will go into medium-term bank deposits, Insignia can guarantee the minimum sum that can be returned to investors after five years - regardless of the success of the polo venture. However, the project, de-

vised by Mills & Reeve, the Cambridge solicitors, and KPMG, the accountancy firm, encountered opposition from Allenbridge, a London firm of analysts, which said that there were too few details about Ascot Park, the earmarked noto venue, in the prospectus sent to potential investors.

In what Mills & Reeve describes as a precautionary measure, a supplementary prospectus has now been sent. showing restrictions on the use of facilities at the vertue, as well as conditions applying to the planning permission.

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Politics will keep the stock market in state of uncertainty, says Marianne Curphey Market jitters

set to continue until election

Olitical uncertainty and worries about whether a crash is just around the corner left the markets feeling jittery this week. The FT-SE 100 index closed at 3,946 vesterday, down 18 points on last Friday's close of 3,964. But the UK stock market

looks set for another week of nervousness as the Labour Party conference opens on Monday. The City will be waiting anxiously to hear Tony Blair and Gordon Brown's plans for the economy. The prospect of a Labour government is already somewhat built into the price of UK shares, but until now both politicians have been deliberately vague about the changes they will make.

Michael Ashbridge, investment director of Save & Prosner, says markets will also be depressed over the next week because the reporting season for big companies is coming to an end. This means there will be precious little good news to buoy up share prices.

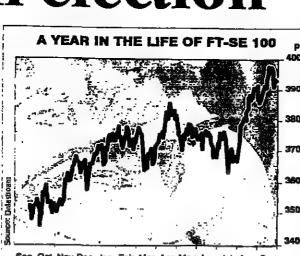
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the general election becomes

increasingly closer, many

shares will become more vola-

Labour is widely expected to take a swipe at the privatised utilities: water, electricity and gas, in the form of a windfall tax, and this could mean bad news for shares in those sectors over the coming months. The City will also be upset by any indication, however slight, that Tony Blair



The FT-SE has crept up steadily but the market is worried that Gordon Brown's deliberations on tax may result in bad news for some shares

might give in to union pres-sure. The Labour leader has tile, investors who want to switch to sectors traditionally been careful to distance himimmune from political worries self from the party's old-style could look at pharmaceuticals, relationship with the manufood producers and food retailfacturing unions, but signs of ers. he says. weakness or promises of con-However, although the larg-

cessions on his part will unseter food retailers such as Sainsbury, Tesco and Asda Mr Ashbridge believes these have been doing reasonably two factors will mean the FTwell, some of their smaller rivals have been struggling.
According to Nicholas Da-SE 100 index will fluctuate in a band of 15-30 points above or below its current rate next vies, private client analyst week. Over the longer term, as with Henderson Crosthwaite,

the US and Swiss markets, and considerably cheaper than Jupan." As further proof, he points to the price/earnings ratio of UK stocks, which are currently around 15-16. The p/e ratio the FT-SE 100 index is unlikely is a figure calculated by dividto break through the 4,000 figure in the coming week. He

ing the current share price of a

company, market sector, or

says talk of an impending market by the earnings for crash in the UK stock market each share or shares. In the may have been overdone. "At mid-1980s before the stock moment I do not believe market crash the figure was the UK is overvalued comfar higher, at around 18 times. pared with other international

Mr Davies's worry is that, although the UK market is not markets," he soid. "As a whole, the UK is cheaper than overheating, the US market may well be doing so. If US growth continues and interest rates have to rise to prevent the market overheating, the US stock market may well take a dive. That, in turn, would affect stocks in the UK, which are strongly influenced by

events in the US. Mr Davies, however, is not concerned about Labour's tax plans. It was rumoured this week that Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, is proposing to raise the top rate of income tax from 40 to 50 per cent for people earning more

Describing the plans as "mild", Mr Davies added: "I that is what lost

than £100,000 a year.

do not believe Labour is intending to tax individuals them the last election. Instead, they will be looking at a windfall tax on the privatised utilities which are an easy



COMMENT

ANNE ASHWORTH Personal Finance **Editor**

When it is prudent to be sceptical

S hould a Prudential salesperson attempt to woo you with the attractions of the company's new savings account range, be sceptical, Indeed, you might conclude that a recommendation to put your money in the Prudential bank

could be stretching the concept of "best advice" to its limits.

The Pru claims — with truth — that it matches the rates offered by the competition (see page 29). However, although the Halifax and the other societies headed for the stock market may be offering poor returns, millions of their members can look forward to their parcels of free shares next

summer. Pru savers cannot anticipate any such happy event. To attract customers, the Pru will be relying on the general ignorance about interest rates. The company will also make much of the convenience of its postal service. However, this transaction option is now the norm, generally combined with

Pension legacy

A striking poster, in toning beiges, pink and rust is now being pinned to the walls of many company pension offices. It is not a paint colour chart for an imminent refit, but a fearsome checklist, drawn up by a firm of actuaries. The poster sets out the various tasks to be completed to ensure that the scheme complies with the provisions of the Pensions Act before April 6, 1997. The Act, the legacy of the Robert Maxwell affair, requires schemes to fulfil various extra obligations. such as providing fuller information to employees.

The cost of these much-needed measures is, meanwhile, causing pause for thought in executive suites. Companies running traditional final salary schemes must themselves bear the expense of these improvements, the most significant being the limited price indexation of pensions. But those firms with money purchase schemes can pass the bill onto

The result, as we report on page 32, is an urge to switch to the money purchase model. Employees who hear that their companies are contemplating such a move should prepare their own checklist. Payouts from money purchase schemes, the pensions innovation of the age of flares, depend on the performance of the investments.

This means that employees must establish how much the employer intends to pay in, comparing the figure with the current contribution to the final salary scheme. They should also discover whether their own payments will increase and demand plentiful information on the fortunes of the fund.

In the same way that people with personal pensions have learnt that retirement savings must be guarded with vigilance, company scheme members must awaken from their complacency. This may be the final lesson of the Maxwell scandal.

Poor but frank

A nyone with an endowment loan will gasp to see the large difference that separates the top and bottom performing mortgage plans (see page 33). However, those companies, including Pearl, that failed to respond to the survey are said to have produced even worse results than those companies that came clean. Weekend Money now challenges the silent ones to reveal their figures. If they do not, then we can all presume that the claim is true.

Cash in hand — after at least a week

E urope is now a single market.

Money can be transferred across borders without bureaucracy, delay or exorbitant cost. At least, that

Earlier this month my eldest son started an exchange year at Grenoble University in France. As he will be there until next June, the usual methods of dealing with holiday money abroad were inappropriate and he opened an account with Banque Populaire, one of France's largest banks.

He soon discovered that although financial traders in London, Frankfurt and Paris may transfer millions Nigel Williamson on the hassle of sending money abroad

button, for the private individual there is still no fast, easy and cheap way to transfer funds between British and European banks.

The bank in Grenoble immediately offered our 19-year-old a cheque ok, cash cards and all the usual facilities of modern banking. The difficulties only started seriously when we tried to transfer money from Britain into the new account.

The main family account in Britain is with NatWest. Our son also

overdraft) with Barclays. Both banks publish attractive booklets on how easy it is to make payments abroad. Yet under all the gloss the bottom line is that standard transfers from a personal account with a British bank will take at least a week and up to two weeks before the funds can be

drawn at the other end. To be fair, the delays are the fault of the system rather than the British banks. NatWest's standard transfer service guarantees that the money

day. But British banks cannot guarantee how long a payment will take to reach its destination, then process and clear. Experience suggests ten days is about average. For this Nat-West charges £8 for under £250 and £12 for larger sums. French banks at the other end charge slightly more.

In response to these problems and to the demands of the single market, in 1994 NatWest introduced a system known as Relay. The other clearing banks followed with similar

This model of banking simplicity involves a flow chart, conveniently printed in the NatWest brochure, to explain the six processes: passing from customer to the branch, to the computer centre, to overseas computer centre, to the local clearing system, the beneficiary's bank and to the recipient — all in six days.

Nor is the Eurocheque facility offered by all British banks much help. This scheme has been expanded to include a European debit-card facility (EDC). Yet it carries a charge of 2.25 per cent of the total amount of the cheque and is restricted to a maximum in local currency of little

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Fiona Bawdon on the switch to money purchase schemes



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The employee will usually have contributed a fixed per-

centage of his salary with a

money purchase scheme: the

company and employee will

both contribute a percentage

of salary. The money is then

invested on the individual's

behalf. The amount of pension

he receives will depend on

how these investments have

performed over the years and

is not related to final salary or

Why are some companies switching away from offering final salary

schemes towards money

A The main reason is to save money and to put a

limit on their potential liabil-

ities. Changes in legislation

such as the 1995 Pensions Act

mean that final salary

schemes are increasingly ex-

pensive to run. Companies

often complain that they mean

signing a blank cheque –

benefits payable are not linked

to any underlying pension

performance. If the money is

not in the fund the company

will have to make it up. But

at Legal & General, thinks

their unpredictability is often

exaggerated, "Given some sort

of stability in the workforce

and the economy in general, final salary costs should be

expected to be fairly stable." he

says. Other reasons cited in-

clude that some companies do not feel they get much benefit from running final salary schemes, which were intended

to attract and retain good staff.

Dick Squires of Watson Wyatt

& Partners, the actuaries, says

that apart from senior staff or

length of service.

Recent research shows that large numbers of workers may have anything but a comfortable old age as the income from their occupational pension will be inadequate. Employees whose pension is linked to their level of salary on retirement may end up twice as well off as those with so-called money purchase schemes, according to a survey by the Association of Consulting Actuaries. It found that total pension contributions for those in money purchase schemes are substantially lower (on average 7.2 per cent of payroll less) than contributions for those in final

Despite this, the shift away by companies from providing final salary schemes towards money purchase arrangements is set to continue. Just under half of 468 firms surveyed said they were considering switching. This trend has been given added impetus by the 1995 Pensions Act, which introduces more stringent administration and funding requirements which will add to costs.

those approaching retirement most people do not pay much attention to a company's pension provision. "Someone in their twenties who has the choice between working for a company paying £15,000-plus paying £16,000 but with no fringe benefits is going to choose the money."

better off with a final

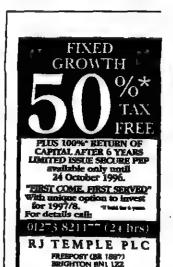
A usually yes. But are exceptions, Final sal-Usually yes. But there ary schemes are ideal for people who spend most of their working life with one company, something which is becoming increasingly rare. As workers move from job to job they may face the choice of leaving little bits of pension scattered among different companies, or accepting relatively poor transfer values. For

a mobile workforce, money purchase schemes may be a better bet. Much will depend on what companies introduce instead. Ron Spill says some of them are replacing final salary schemes where they contributed, say, 12 per cent of salary with money purchase arrangements, where they pay just 8 per cent. Others, however, are more generous, taiindividual's age. The older they are the more the company will contribute. As the market for money purchase schemes grows, so it is likely to become more competitive as new players enter the market. According to Dick Squires. this is likely to drive down charges and lead to improvements in policy terms.

If I'm already is a final salary scheme will I lose out if my employer switches

A governing the winding up of a final salary scheme, if you are already retired, the should be unaffected by the change. If you are below retirement age and have accrued a pension entitlement with a former employer, your rights should be similarly protected. The company must either seek your agreement to buy out your interest - in which case you should take independent advice to check that you will not be left worse off; or it can buy a special policy called a Section 32, which underwrites your original entitlement.

For existing workers who are members of a final salary scheme which is being wound up, the position is slightly more complicated. Whatever entitlement they have accrued up until that point will be given a transfer value which can be invested in the new scheme. However, just because the amount going into the new scheme reflects their entitlement at that point, this does not mean the amount they get when they retire will match what they would have got had they stayed on a final salary scheme all the way through. Again, any employee in this position should seek professional advice.



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Telephone mortgages are having a growing effect on lending. Sarah Jones assesses their impact

Direct approach gives borrowers another dimension

That little red telephone has had a profound effect on mortgage lending. Viewers may not the phone belongs to or know that the company is owned by a major bank. But it has forced other lenders to dive into the telephone mortgage market, which demands both good deals and quick

Direct Line, owned by the Royal Bank of Scotland, started life as a phone-in motor insurance operator but two years ago moved into mortgages, offering just one product. a market-leading variable rate. That is currently 6.05 per cent and last month Direct Line took a 2.5 per cent share of all new

At the same time Bank of Scotland also launched a direct arm, and was followed by Bradford & Bingley and the Woolwich. All four are offering variable-rate mortgages that compete with, and undercut, those in their

For example Bradford & Bingley Direct has a variable rate of 5.99 per cent, com-pared with 6.74 per cent at branches. For Woolwich the rates are 6.35 and 6.99 per cent respectively and for the Bank of Scotland, 6.49 and 6.99 per cent. If you have mortgaged through the branch, you have to remortgage, in effect, with the direct arm to get a better direct rate.

As yet the bigger operators have not moved into direct



Peter Wood started Direct Line as a phone-in insurer

piloting an operation early next year, while the Halifax is concentrating on selling motor insurance at the moment but says it may consider mortgages after

conversion into a bank. Mortgages sold by telephone offer better rates than tors do not offer the more expensive packages with dis-

counts and cash backs. As well as the direct arm of banks or building societies, there are providers who offer telephone mortgages simply by virtue of not having a branch network. They offer

has recently been more actively marketing its products to existing customers. There is a variable rate at 6.49 per cent or a competitive fiveyear fixed rate of 7.99 per cent with no redemption penalties. National Counties is also effectively a direct lender, currently offering a two-year discount with a payable rate of 4.49 per cent.

Whether the direct deals are worth taking depends on the type of borrower you are, says Phillip Cartwright of the mortgage brokers London & Country. "The direct mortgage is a very simple product. If you think you might be moving soon or will want to pay off part of your mortgage, an ongoing low vari-able rate from a direct lender will work for you. But don't assume that just because you are dealing over the phone, are getting the best

e went on: "If you are thinking long-term, you could get a better fixed or discounted rate elsewhere." Moreover with many of the direct deals, you can only borrow 70 or 75 er cent, whereas branches lend 95 per cent.

Telephone mortgages suit those with busy lifestyles since the service is normally faster and less hassle. But Mr Cartwright points out that if it is convenience that you want, most branch networks will in fact deal over the telephone.



Lynn Fisher found that First Direct's mortgage service perfectly suited her busy lifestyle

The essence is speed

somewhat for Lynn Fisher by arranging her mortgage directly through her bank (Sarah

"I did look around at other mortgages, but the deciding factor was the way I knew First Direct would deal with the mortgage process," says Ms Fisher, human resources director for a City investment bank. "My busy lifestyle meant I wanted to talk to the bank late in the evening and to know that whoever I spoke to would be up to speed on whatever stage the mortgage was at."

She got her mortgage offer within a few days of the survey.

THE fraught experience of seemed to slow down the process," she says. Ms Fisher also appreciated the flexibility of First Direct's

variable-rate mortgage, with no penalty for paying off large amounts, and no insistence on insurance cover. Her only complaint was

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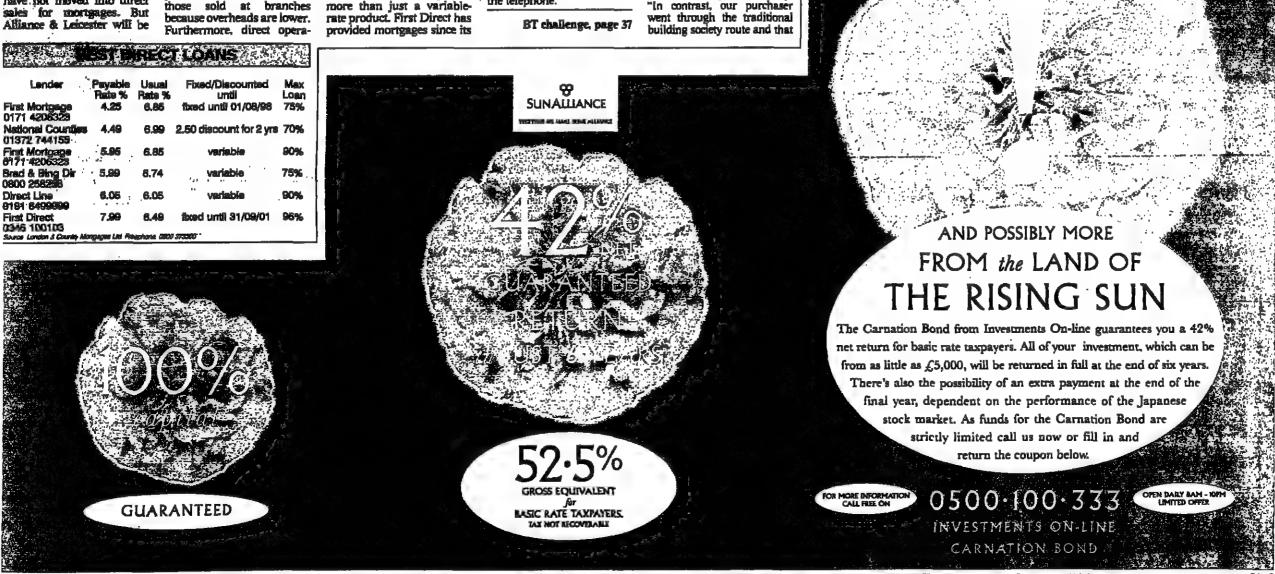
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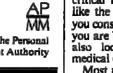
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ritical-illness insurance can be bought in several forms. There are policies which pay out only if you develop a critical illness or which include life insurance and pay out either on the diagnosis of a critical illness

or on death. Policies can be taken out for a fixed period, either through term assurance or an endowment, or on a whole of life

Patrick Bunton of London & Country Lifeline, an independent financial adviser, argues in favour of fixed term, guaranteed-premium policies such as that offered by Swiss

you have no idea exactly how much you will have to pay for cover in ten or 15 years' time,"

"The problem with whole of

life policies, which have

reviewable premiums, is that

Mr Bunton also advocates combined critical illness and

life-insurance cover. "Under a critical-illness policy you must survive for at least 14 to 28 days after diagnosis of a complaint. If you have a heart attack and die within a few days, your family will not receive anything if there is no death benefit," he says.

However, as the Office of Fair Trading pointed out recently, the snag with combined policies that pay out on critical illness is that policyholders are then left with no life insurance. The OFT suggested policyholders should be given the option of "buying back" life cover. This is a feature of such policies in Australia. The UK insurance industry is now looking into this idea.

Where cover is taken out to pay off a mortgage, however, ongoing life cover for that purpose will no longer be necessary because the first payment at the onset of the illness will have done the job.

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When it's critical, take care

Helen Pridham looks at the complications

If you are of working age, the chances of suffering a serious medical condition and surviving are considerably greater nowadays than the risk of dying before retirement. As a result many insurers are now suggesting that life insurance should take second place to critical illness insurance, which pays out a lump sum if you are diag-nosed as suffering from a

This view was expressed recently by Peter Robertson, marketing manager at Standard Life, one of the leading providers. An increasing num ber of consumers are being persuaded, attracted by the idea of receiving a cash sum that they can use to pay off their mortgage, pay for home nursing, buy special equip-

ment or whatever. The first critical illness poli-cy was launched in 1986. After a relatively slow start, there are now 60 companies offering policies. According to the reinnow more than 900,000 policies, of which 300,000 were sold last year.

Unfortunately for consumers, buying a critical illness policy is nowhere near as straightforward as taking out pure life insurance. No single critical illness policy is quite like the next. Not only must of the claims made." you consider the type of policy you are buying, but you must assurance International's analso look carefully at the medical conditions covered. nual survey of critical illness claims, most of the 4,000 Most policies cover six core claims received by insurers as

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only a couple more or it can heart bypass surgery, 5 per extend to more than 30 specicent. Only 7 per cent covered fied conditions. Plans with the "other" complaints. However, John Joseph, an lengthiest lists may not always independent financial adviser be the best. But a restricted list based in London and an expert can leave gaps in cover. The most restricted lists on critical illness insurance, urges consumers to choose policies with wider cover. Knowing that most claims

are covered is no consolation to a policyholder who has developed a complaint that is not on the list. That is why I want my clients to have insurance for every critical illness possible. What's more it is not

covers a wider range.

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nother problem for con-Until recently Midland only sumers is that not all covered eight complaints, Companies define conditions in the same way. though it has now extended Having studied different inthe list to 11. Steve Foot, its spokesman, argues: "Our polisurance companies definicies may have a shorter list of complaints than others but tions, Alan Lakey of Highclere Financial Services in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, says: "It is a real minefield. they do cover over 95 per cent Some insurers are much less According to Employers Re-

> Most insurers, for example, provide cover for coronary

generous in their definitions

bypass surgery where there is one coronary artery blockage. Black Horse Life, however, insists that at least two arteries must be affected. It is particularly important to look carefular the definition of permanent total disable-

ment*. Most insurers include this cover in policies and some with relatively short lists of specified conditions argue that it is a "catch-all" that will encompass serious illnesses not specifically mentioned. But Mr Lakey points out

that the method of determining whether you qualify for payment is based on different criteria. "Insurers link it either to your ability to follow your own occupation, or your own occupation or one similar, or any occupation," he says. Some base it on your ability to perform certain everyday tasks. The best definition is 'own occupation'."

The "any occupation" or task-based definitions are the toughest to satisfy. But in all cases, any disability must be both total and permanent.

ccording to Lee Lovett, senior marketing man-🔼 ager at Employers Re, claims are the least successful. Approximately 60 per cent have been declined — and more than 80 per cent of these because the definition has not been satisfied. This is a major source of concern for those involved in critical illness insurance. Providing the client with a better understanding of the cover and/or coming up with a more objective defini-tion would clearly be in everyone's interest," he says.

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BT wrestles to keep home users on line

British Telecom has fi-nally gone on the assault in the residential market, favouring the home user for the first time. Reductions are primarily aimed at stemming the flow of customers to cable companies such as TeleWest. Nynex and Bell CableMedia, whose phone charges are generally less expensive, and at lending off competition from newcomers such as AT&T, the US

relephone group.
While BT is not claiming that the latest cuts make its services as cheap as the cable companies, it is saying that the gap is narrowing.

The cable companies dismiss the claim. In the past they have more or less matched BT's price cuts. The question now is whether they can afford to keep doing so. None of the cable companies is making a profit, a fact reflected in their dismal share prices.

BT said the new reductions will save residential customers about £120 million a year and business customers about £94 million a year, for a total of

From October 8 the cost of evening and night-time national calls will come down 20 per cent, from 5.8p to 4.65p a minute, while daytime national calls will fall 10 per cent, from 9.8p to 8.8p.

Overseas calls are becoming significantly cheaper. BT slashed international weekend call charges earlier this week by between 5 per cent and 23 per cent and yesterday reduced weekday calls by be-tween 10 and 25 per cent. A five-minute call to the US or Canada next month will be 920 a minute, down 31 per cent from early September.

Buying call packages such as "PremierLine" and "Friends & Family" can save residential customers another 15 per cent to 25 per cent.

BT said that the latest price cuts will reduce a residential customer's average quarterly bill, including line rental charges to £54.86, excluding VAT. from £56.61.

But Bell CableMedia, the cable operator which has 17 UK franchises covering 2.1 million homes, has already cut call costs ahead of the BT reductions to maintain what it claims is a 25 per cent discount on BT residential bills. A spokeswoman said that further cuts would be made to match any from BT.

Bob Frost of the CCA said that while cable companies offer cheaper call costs, they can also offer services similar to BT's add-on services such as Minder", the personalised answering service, "Call Diversion" and "Call Barring". And in an increasing number of franchise areas customers can keep the same phone number



It's good to make comparisons: Bob Hoskins sells BT

if they leave BT. He said that by the end of the year any residential customer leaving BT will be able to keep their

Most cable companies will hook your home up free of charge if you decide to subscribe to their TV services, but otherwise they will charge around £30. BT charges £99 plus VAT for installation of a

Residential customers who want to stick with BT can still make savings with some of the

all other times. That compares to 8.8p and 4.65p under BT's new prices. When you sign up you also choose an area in the world to which you would like to make discounted long-distance calls - America, Asia, Australia-New Zealand or the European Union. Savings on calls to your chosen zone can be as high as 40 per cent on the regular BT price.

The service costs between £3.99 and £5.99 per quarter depending on the choice of zone. There is an extra 3.5p per

A bewildering array of discounts and add-on services are on offer

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A subscriber to the service discount calls to America

call would cost between £2.23 and £2.52 under BT's new prices or £2.62 under 'SmartCall", a scheme operated by Mercury. That comparison makes AT&T look like the best value, ional calls, they pay 17.6p for five minutes, which is also cheaper than AT&T or BT. AT&T say they can save you money if your regular BT phone bill is at least £100 a quarter. But you can still save

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paying any one off fee. Saga has a deal to provide the service with WorldCom, the US telecom company. People using the service dial a three-digit number before making calls, which are then billed to their Saga Visa card. The call costs are paid in the same way as any other purchases made with the card Users pay 18.9 per cent interest and there is no annual fee.

The Saga service can also save you up to 20 per cent on calls to between four and 35 miles of your home. Subscribers have to be aged over 50.

Anyone with a telephone at home can make big savings on their BT bills through existing discount schemes, many of which are free.

You can save 10 per cent on calls made to five nominated numbers under the "Friends & Family" scheme, just by dialling 150 and telling BT which numbers you want to pick. The scheme allows for one mobile number and one overseas. If you agree to pay El per quarter you can add five more

overseas numbers. For £24 a year you can join Premierline", which gives you a 15 per cent discount on ali direct dialled local, region

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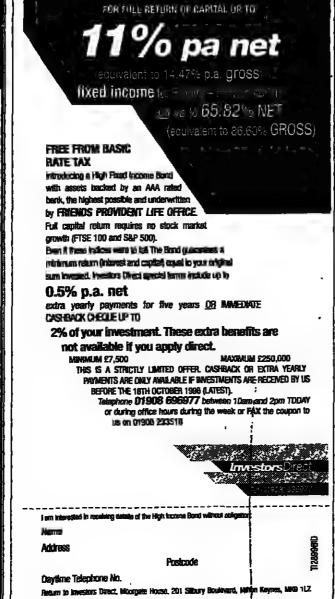
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s 300,000 undergradu-A ates prepare for the in-evitable dive into debt. Midland Bank is offering a free guide setting out the do's and don'ts of managing money. Full of practical advice, it is debatable whether students will heed the guide's warning not to go over budget in the first term, when so many social events are offered. Coming To Terms With Money is available from branches,

☐ Maternity rights are complex for both employer and employee. Eversheds, the law firm, has designed a ready reckoner, the Maternity Wheel, to assist personnel managers in calculating key dates to an employee's maternity rights. Telephone 0171 919 4500.

☐ For those willing to lock in their money for five years, Cheltenham & Gloucester has launched an escalator bond. By the final year the Rising In-come Account gives 10 per cent gross but the average annual rate over the term is 7.15 per cent. Minimum investment is £1,000 and penalty-free withdrawals are allowed after the first two years.

☐ The bureaucratic and impersonal procedures that have to

be followed when burying our dead can turn the grief-stricken relative into a reluctant administrator. After a Death by Shelagh Clayton is a new guide to coping with bereavement. It covers topics such as how to arrange a funeral, the disposal of coverty organising a grant of property, organising a grant of probate and looks at the financial aspects of handling an estate. Published by Robson Books, the guide costs £10.99.

☐ Now that the Abbey National share price has steadied, ex-National & Provincial members may want to sell their bonus shares. Waters Lunniss stockbrokers has extended its fixed dealing rate of £20 till the end of October. Up to three further family members, at the same address, can deal for just £2. Sign the back of your share certificate and send it, together with instructions to sell to Waters Lunniss, 2 Redwell Street, Norwich NR2 4SN.

□ Not to be outdone by Sainsbury and Tesco, Bhs has extended its loyalty card, the Choice card, to Mothercare for a limited period until Christmas. Bhs says its card gives bigger discounts than all the others currently on offer.

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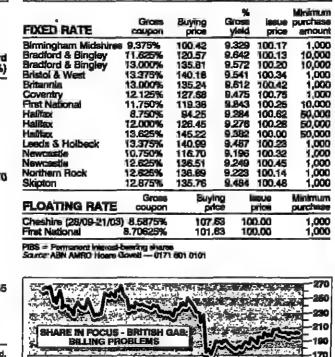
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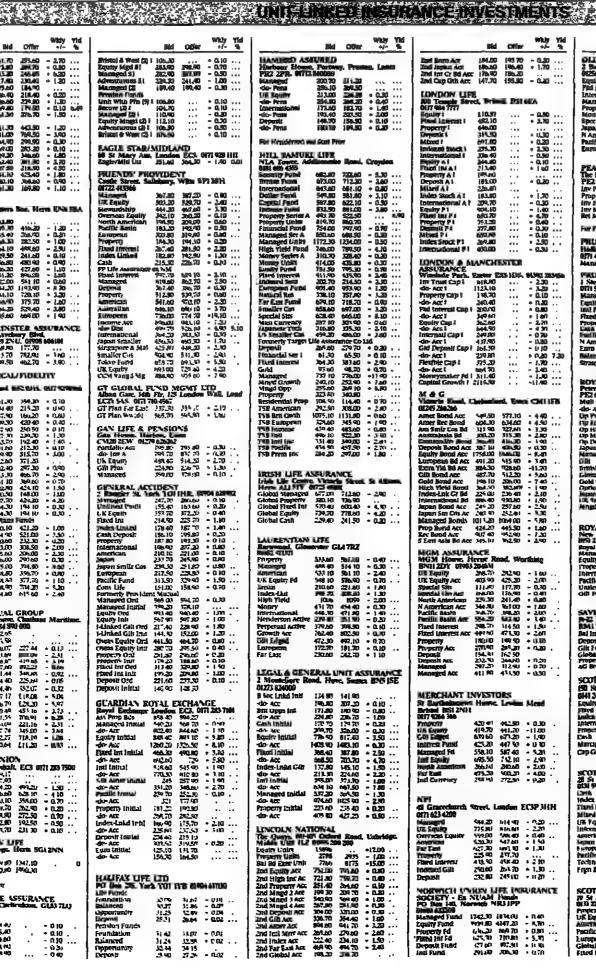
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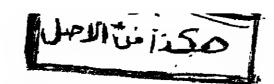
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WEEKEND MONEY LETTERS

Inland Revenue's cal culations did not add up From Shaun Coles

Sir, I thought you would be interested in a recent saga with the Inland Revenue that leads me to question how often errors are made by the Reve-nue and which explains why self-assessment has been brought in: they employ staff

who cannot calculate the correct income tax payable. On April 1, 1996, I decided to make an additional voluntary contribution (AVC) to my personal pension plan before the year end. This was paid in as a cheque and, after some delays from the pension provider caused by confusion between I my financal adviser and Scot tish Amicable, I eventually received a letter confirmir ig that £2,000 had been credit ed

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as a gross contribution.

My tax return for 1995-96 was then submitted with a covering letter explaining the circumstances of this gross contribution, and two wieeks later I received my sched ule E assessment showing at tax refund of £130.40. At firs taight

all : :eemed normal, although [was disappointed that the ref und seemed small since I expected to get credit of about per cent on the £2,000 or antribution.

I then telephoned the inqui-

y line at the inland Revenue fuffice dealing with my return and was promptly told that the calculation was correct. I said I was neither an accountant nor a mathematician but it appeared to me that the tax credit had given relief at the 25 per cent band when I was, in fact, a 40 per cent higher rate

I was assured that the correct tax had been calculated, and the person offered to write me a letter to explain how the calculation was done. I declined this offer, saying that I believed him and that I had to accept that they were

At this point I was unsure whether to let the matter lie or to pay for an accountant to check the figures. However, on sitting down myself with a piece of paper I became convinced that the calculation had nut been carried out correctly and wrote to the Inland Reve-

nue on August 31. Surprisingly, I have proved correct and have now received an apologetic letter back from the Revenue, together with an additional refund cheque for

I-lowever, no explanation was forthcoming as to the reason why the mistake was made and not corrected when I first inquired.

What chance is there of this type of mistake being made for ther readers, and what would have happened if I had not been so persistent in pursuing

For that matter, what would have happened if, instead, the error had been made on my side to cause an underpayment of tax due?

Yours faithfully, SHAUN COLÉS.

From Ms M. Mendoz a Sir, My husband often a forgets to pay his outstand ing Visa balance before the i Jue date. and therefore reper stedly incurs unnecessary changes.

I was interested, to learn therefore of the ree ently introduced personal computer home banking system avail-able for our joint; account with the Nationwide B uilding Society. This include is the facility for making bill r ayments such as those for creat lit cards.

My husband agreed that if he had this so oftware on his computer he w sould be able to enter the ame out due on the required payr nent date (about three weeks I lence) as soon as he received t he bill from Visa, thereby then to being less of a likelihood 1 of his leaving the envelope in a drawer and

So, soft ware installed and payment entered, we were

Letters to the Weekend Money section are welcomed. but The? Times regrets that it cannot give individual replies or activice. No legal responsibility can be accepted for the advic e or statements given in these columns and it must be empl nasised that independent profi essional advice should alw; ays be sought over all inv esiment matters.

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For once, sn: ail mail scores over new technology shocked when he received his

next Visa statement to see that it included yet another charge for late payment. Although the date of entry via the Nation-wide Bill Payment software was the one recommended for payment through a bank (five days before the due date), the amount had not been credited to the Visa account until six

So, he phoned up Nation-wide and Visa to try to determine where the delay had occurred. Visa said that they credited the account as soon as they received pay-ment, and in this case payment was late. However, they did kindly reimburse the account for the amount of interest that was charged.

The reply from the Nationwide was that payments using the Bill Payment method can take up to ten working days and this time should be allowed for when entering payment dates.

What I do not understand is why does an electronic transfer from one bank to another take up to ten days, considerably more time than it takes if you send off a cheque direct to the credit card company, which has to allow for the post and cheque clearing time? Where is the money during the ten days, and who is getting the benefit of it I wonder?

The following month we tried making the payment a

enough and another charge was incurred. Unfortunately, the payment cannot be scheduled for an even earlier date as this would fall before my husband's salary is paid into the account and there would not always be the funds available to make the payment (and then we would end up with interest charges from the Nationwide instead of Visa).

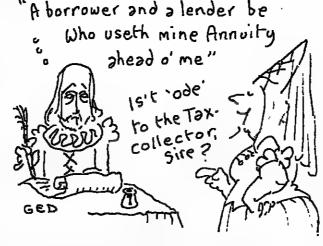
And so, we have decided to return to the snail-mail method. A separate piece of software on the computer is now programmed to remind us when to write the cheque, sind to make the journey to the postbox. So much for new

M. MENDOZA, Magnolia, Dodds Lane, Chaliont St Giles, Buckinghamshire.

Punitive cost of currency transfers

Sir, Roll on the single European currency. I have just had to make three payments to Germany of DM475 (£203.94), DM 186.30 and DM114. The bank charges here and in Germany were £25.86, £19.43 and £25.86 respectively which I feel are outrageous. Yours faithfully, PETER WARD.

231 Royal College Street.



Change that led to pension being taxed in advance each month

From Mr J. L. Botterill Sir, I share the views expressed by Mr R. Kirtley Weekend Money, September

He points out that pension income is taxable on receipt. That situation was true until April 6 last but from then on a pension could be taxed in advance of being received.

In 1993, I took out an annuity for my wife and myself, to be paid annually on August I so that we could have a holiday. Then it was taxed on receipt but the £650 left was

This year the rules have changed so that I have to pay 1/12th of the tax on the annuity each month, under PAYE, with the first tax being paid at the end of last April — so it is now a famine until the gross annuity arrives on August i each year! Yours faithfully,

JOHN BOTTERILL 26 Acom Groves, Pershore,

enough.

No excuse in the computer age for these charges

From Mrs J Lee

Sir, I write in response to the recent letter, published on the Weekend Money pages of The Times, regarding the Halifax Building Society charging interest on the insurance of buildings.

On reading this letter, I thought I would get my daughter to check her account with the Woolwich Building

Sure enough back came this

I would like to advise you that you are paying interest on your buildings insurance payments, as your renewal is due on the 29th of September, and the financial year of the society is the end of September."

In this day and age, with the widespread use of computers etc, there is really no excuse especially with these large companies

It would be a good idea to warn your readers.

Yours faithfully.

MRS J. LEE, 29 Lilford Road, Billericay,



Banks have changed their habits when it comes to clearing cheques

From Dr John Sutton Sirs, Hugh Davies (Weekend Money, Sept 21) found that a national magazine believed a photocopy of a cheque proved its receipt. What he should have done was upbraid them for not acknowledging his

Caution needed to check cheques

pounds - and send a photocopy to "prove" that they must

In the days when banks ret-

sometimes useful to send a photocopy to establish that the cheque had been presented for payment at a particular date. Yours faithfully, DR JOHN SUTTON, 16A Overland Road,

Get covered is first lesson for students

A suniversity students prepare to start the new academic year, insurance may not be the first thing on their minds. But thefts are common in halls, flats and lodgings, making insurance another expense for the hard-pressed student.

However, many parents may not realise that their contents cover extends outside the home, protecting the property of student sons and daughters. The Prudential, for example, allows property to be "temporarily removed", which includes three terms of ten weeks each, provided there is adequate security for the goods. The company does,

ever, ask for an additional premium for articles that are effectively transit, such as a pedal cycle. Special student

policies are offered

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Union and Sun Alliance. These companies also underwrite student policies offered by the banks. The amount you pay for cover will be based on the location of your place of learning. Midland, whose policies are underwritten by Sun Alli-ance charges E80 a year to cover £2,000 worth of belongings in London and £37 in Cardiff.

Before taking out a policy. you should check on the following: □ What cover is already available under the family's

insurance policy? \square Is the excess on the policy (the first part of any claim policyholder) reasonable?

Are original receipts remeaning that gifts from grandparents may not be insured? ☐ Will jewellery and com-

puter equipment be covered?

Students should compile a good inventory of their belongings, including senal numbers of any electronic equipment. You can ask the

police to postcode articles. Check articles that may not be included. Some policies exclude glasses, contact lenses and sports equipment when not in use.

Place jewellery with the local bank (the service should be freel and buy a good lock

Most insurers charge dispropor-tionately high premiums for bikes. Endsleigh, for example, may

STUDENT FINANCE charge E107. students may appre

ciate a legal helpline. A 24-hour service is complimentary with sev-

One important area often overlooked is accidental damage or loss to college or landlord's property. Sun Alliance covers up to El.000.

Check the excess as otherwise it may not be worth claiming for low-value items. Wellington Personal Finance, for example, normally deducts the first £500 but has no such limit for jewellery or silver. Finally. keep a record of purchases once insurance has been taken out.

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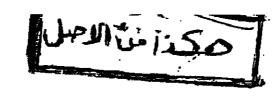
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Mark Of Esteem to grasp Ascot prize

RACING CORRESPONDENT

DICK FRANCIS would be hard pressed to better the plot which unfolds at Ascot this afternoon. On the anniversary of the public clash between Sheikh Mohammed and Henry Cecil, which signalled the acrimonious split between the world's biggest racehorse owner and Britain's ten-times champion trainer, the pair lock horns again in the race of the year - and the result is vital to both parties.

If Bosra Sham, the 1,000 Guineas winner, can overcome a 146-day absence since her Newmarket classic success and win the Queen Eliza-

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MARK OF ESTEEM (3.20 Ascot) Next best: River Usk

Nap: REAMS OF VERSE (3.50 Ascot tomorrow) Next best: Ricky Ticky Tavie (2.00 Ascut tomorrow)

(3.45 Haydock Park)

beth II Stakes, the first prize will all but guarantee Cecil his eleventh trainers' championship, a title he is supremely kcen to win.

However, should Charn-wood Forest or Mark Of Esteem oblige for the Sheikh's Godolphin operation, then Cecil's £100,000 lead at the top of the trainers' table would be wiped out and Saeed bin Suroor would become favourite to thwart Cecil and land the title for the second successive season. To add spice to an already potent mix, both of Sheikh Mohammed's horses were trained by Cecil before

being switched to Godolphin. Aside from determining the trainer's title, the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes will decide who is Europe's champion miler. One of the strongest fields in



Mark Of Esteem, far right, takes the 2,000 Guineas from Even Top, left, and Bijou D'Inde. He seeks another big race win at Ascot today

the 41-year history of the race has been assembled. All except Charnwood Forest have won a group one race, and he is no slouch, having triumphed by four lengths in the group two Queen Anne Stakes at Royal

Although Ascot has missed much of the rain in recent days, the going was described as "autumnal good to firm" by Nick Cheyne, the clerk of the course yesterday. Unless there is a dramatic change in tactics, it is fairly easy to predict the

way the race will develop. The front-running Bijou D'Inde is likely to lead his six rivals into the short home straight, with Jason Weaver keeping something in reserve, before trying to withstand the onslaught from behind. So far, so good. But who will win?

Ashkalani will be fancied by nany to reverse St James's Palace Stakes form with Bijou D'Inde as Mick Kinane admitted afterwards that he had hit the front too soon on the eventual runner-up. How-ever, there is a suspicion that the winner of the French 2.000 Guineas and a slowly run Prix du Moulin is not so effective in an end-to-end gallop over a mile. Five winners of the French 2,000 Guineas have run in this race; all were beaten. Furthermore, eight of the past ten Prix du Moulin winners have contested the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes. All, including Miesque and Ridgewood Pearl, were vanquished.

Mark Of Esteem, who beat Bijou D'Inde when winning the 2000 Guineas at Newmarket, disappointed in the St James's Palace Stakes on fast ground after an interrupted preparation. However, he showed that run could be safely ignored when recording the best performance by a miler this season to defy a 61b

group one penalty and land the all-aged Celebration Mile at Goodwood, where he showed a sparkling turn of foot. A strict interpretation of that form suggests he has the beating of First Island, the Sussex Stakes winner, and

Charnwood Forest. The horse is absolutely flying, doing everything right and goes into the race with a major chance," Simon Crisford, Godolphin's racing manager, said yesterday. "Everything since Goodwood has gone perfectly with him and he is ready to run the race of his life. He is best on good

to firm, but as he showed at Ascot he does not let himself down on firm or fast ground." The going will be even more

of a worry to Bosra Sham. who would prefer some give. Her recent homework has delighted Newmarket gallop watchers but she faces a tough task after such a long lay-off and no 1,000 Guineas winner has triumphed in this race. In a race which should live up to its billing, I expect Mark Of Esteem to prove too strong

for First Island.

Computer tipster, page 4

Decorated Hero can perform with distinction

2.00: The best will be seen of Wall Street next season and this first attempt at 12 furlongs will help to determine his campaign next year. However, the form of his last three starts and his style of running suggest he should be suited by the step up in trip. After running on strongly to beat Salmon Ladder in a listed race at Newbury in July, he was narrowly beaten by Sasuru in France and Singspiel at Goodwood, where he was initially outpaced before running on strongly in the

final stages. Royal Court is the obvious danger after beating the subsequent St Leger winner, Shantou, at Haydock. The Peter Chapple-Hyamtrained runner was not suited by the steady pace when third to Dushyantor in the Great Voltigeur Stakes and may find the short home straight here against him. Kalabo stayed on strongly to finish second to Busy Flight at Doncaster and looks best of the remainder.

2.35: Lucayan Prince has

bags of ability as he showed when quickening decisively to come from last to first to win the Jersey Stakes, before chasing home Europe's top sprinter, Anabaa, in the July Cup. However, he is not the easiest of rides and ideally requires to be covered up behind a strong pace before challenging late on. After being drawn on the wide outside in the Haydock Sprint Cup, his draw next to the stands' rail in a big field here should be ideal for David Loder's runner and Waiter Swinburn is the perfect jockey for the job.



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Those looking for an eachway alternative might consider Royale Figurine. who has had a light campaign and is definitely best in the autumn. Branston Abby was unlucky in running when third to Cool Jazz in this race last year and would go well if there was any cut in the

3.20: see left.

3.55: High Summer has shown dramatically inproved form since these weights were framed and is running off a mark 20lb below that which the handicapper would now allocate Roger Charlton's filly. She has obvious claims, but, given her much publicised wind problems, she could be worth opposing at cramped odds, as could the welltreated Prince Babar, who always seems to find one too good in the top handicaps. In the circumstances Green Barries and Primo along with Kayvee, who goes

Lara make some appeal. particularly well here. However, Decorated Hero can defy top weight after resuming winning ways at Don-caster last time. John Gosden's classy runner is best in a strongly-run race on a straight track.

RICHARD EVANS

ASCOT

2.00 Royal Court

2.35 Lucayan Prince

3.20 First Island

3.55 DOUBLE BOUNCE (nap)

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The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3,55 HIGH SUMMER.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Wall Street, 3.20 BOSRA SHAM (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES)

2.00 CUMBERLAND LODGE STAKES (Group III: £31,400, 1m 4f) (8 runners)

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(9) 113 ROYAL COURT 39 (D.BF.G.S) (R Sangsler) P Chappin-Hyam 3-8-6
(3) 1200 SUMMER SPELL 35 (S) (N Robins) R Charlon 3-8-6
(7) 210142 WALL STREET 14 (F) (Goodphan 5 bm Surors 3-8-6
(1) 212233 PRIOLINA 37 (B.D.G) (J Keeling) J Hayden (ke) 3-8-3

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506	(13)	611104	NVBA 8 (D.EF.F.G.) (Mrs D Schreiber) M Johnston 4-9-4	98
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506	[14]	125-335	PRANCING 60 (F) (Changley Park Stud) D Loder 3-9-0 D Pasilor	90
509	(5)	1405	CABARET 33 (6) (I Allan) P Chappie Hyam 3-9-0	94
510	(18)	1365	SATIR BELL 35 (S) (N Jones) J Dunlop 3-9-0 M J Kinane	90
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512	(12)	2-5141	ASPLEON JANE 124 (F.S.) (P Locke) J Goston 3-8-11	25
513	(11)	546032	MARL 17 (GF,G) (E Parter) P Alahurst 3-8-9	98
514	(17)	2210	CRUESTONIA 35 (D.BF.G) (K. Abdulla) H Cecal 3-8-8 Pat Eddary	90
515	(15)	231114	DAVINA LUNA 22 (D.F.G) (D Deer) J HIU's 3-8-7 M HIII:	97
516	[1]	121600	ANASTINA 8 (D,G,S) (FI Craddock) N Graham 4-8-7 . S Sanders	90
517	(3)		PANATA 15 (D,F) (Mrs A Solver) L Curran 3-8-3 O Urbine	8
518	(10)		SUPAMOVA 17 (O,F) (M A/M) P Cole 3-8-3	90
519	(4)	12-6125	TRAFALGAR LADY 21 (6) (W Armitage) R Charlton 3-8-3 T Spraids	92
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HIM ALIMAWA had thus Conversit 2161 in 4-nover confloors race at Chepctor (im 3), good to him) NRMA 2441 4th of 18 to Price Of Pendie to handleap at Ayr (fin. good to him) POLSKA 2141 4th of 7 in My Branch in Insted race at Concastes (7, good to finit) FATEFULLY best Sandhill 219 in 9-nover handleap at Sandown (fin. good to firm). AERLEON JANE beat Alpine

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5.00 BLUE SEAL CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-0 fillies: £12,336 6f) (5 runners) 1 CORSINO 18 (F) (F Abdulla) H Cord 8-11 CHILL BOUCHER LI Simpacin D Marie 8-8 DUST DANCER 22 (Hermonds Stud) J Duniop 8-8 2 LOCHANGE 21 (J Simb) I Bading 8-8 PLAISE DYAMOUR (M Tabo) N Callaghan 8-8 BETTING, 4-5 Cersin: 5-2 David Dancer, 5-1 Locksrigel, 18-1 Planse d'Amous, 50-1 Chie Bascher

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5.35 GORDON CARTER HANDICAP

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2 (2) 0-63613 MORTS FIJITTER 14 (C.C.S) (W Perny) D Braceth 7 9-8 (2)
3 (3) 0-2160 SSA MOTOR 30 (D.F.G) (D Nobel) J I Horrs 4 10
4 (31) 625000 SILENTLY 33 (F.S) (P Motor) I Building 4-9-3
5 (10) 0-2323 TLDOR BSLAND 17 (F.Q) (D Sad) C Britain 7-9-2
6 (16) 443220 EMBRYONG 77 (F.) (Art. D Miller) R From 4-9-0 (W 10) 10
7 (10) 0-52122 FLOCHECK 9 (G) (Storethor) State) J Onstop 9-9-0
8 (16) 2341-00 MEANT TO BE 14 (CD.F.S) (Lady Mary Mundout) Lady Hernes 5-9-9
9 (15) 221054 PEARL VENTURE 9 (D.F.S) (C Chao) S Wood: 4-9-13
10 (9) 4-104 PIKE GREEK 15 (F.) (S Storethologe I Building 3 8-9
11 (4) 1.30-510 REMBER 70 (F.G) (G Goldzmalth A Reducts 7-8-9
12 (13) 4332 UPPER GALLERY 33 (R Sangyler) P Chapple Histin 3-8-6
13 (14) 4-2341 NORDERN HEET 35 (D.G) (R Abould) G Hammod 3-8-6
15 (12) 00002-10 MROSWAKI 14 (G) (Mir. A Roughton) R Mechanic 5-8-3 (1) 1-35300 FLUIYAMA CREST 91 (V,CD.F,G)(S Habi) M Slode 4-9-10 | 15 | 127 | 10002-10 | MROSWANI I4 (G) (Mr. 4 Roughton) R Rischard 5-8-3 | 5 Sanders 98 | 16 | 15 | 20031 2 ETTERBY PARK 5 (BF.F.S.S) G Middlebrers) M. Astrickon 3-8-2 | M Henry (3) | 97 | 7 | 16 | 213340 | 5 | 10010 100 | 10010 1001

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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2.00 (1m 2f 120yd) 1, NAAZEO (R Hills, 9-1); 2, Grand Spiendour (K Falton 7-1), 3, Imfatuation (D O'Shea, 4-1), ALSO RAN; 7-4 (av Olarnond Dance (Sih), 9 Raise A Prince (4th), 10 Trutchev (8th), 12 Winnebago, 14 Roberto Riva, 25 Evening in Paris, Magic Role, 33 Duristion Cueen, 1 Sey Dancer, Jurigle Fresh, Shirtsty, Soldier Blue 15 ran NR Software, 3-1, 14, 17, 18, A Stewart at Neymarket Tote, £13,90, 22.90, 22.10, £1.90, DF £78.00 Tho: £33.70, CSF £70.72

2.30 (6) 1. DENSBEN (A Cuinane, 12-1), 2. Prime Silk (R Hughes, 16-1); 3. Berato (K Faltor, 6-1); 4. Saddiehome (L Detor, 10-1), ALSO RAN 5-1 tav Dominelle, 7. Naurehty Bistel, 10 Alledebt Then (Sh), 12 Naughty Pistol, 10 Alwight Then (Sth., 12 Blushing Gigneder, 14 Night Hermony, 16 Another Nightmare: Bargeath, Milos, Myttons Mistels, 20 Crasgnam, Double Occar (8th., John's Law, Nakam, Purple Memories, 25 Comeonup, Standown, 33 Boshiul Brave, Gomile Meybank, 23 ran NR Sue Me Hd, 1 ML, 1 ML, 1 ML Denys Smith at Bishop Audkland Tole. E13 80, 62 50, 54 40, 52 10, 53 0,0 DF 5174 50 Tho: £284 80 CSF £203,64 Tricsat; 51,215 22, 200 (Jp. 3,200-pt.)

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3.00 (1m 31 200hd) 1. HAYA YA KEFAAH
(1 Sprake 16-1), 2 Sugar Mill (A Curhane,
13-2), 3, Rusk (M Wigham, 12-1) ALSO
RAN: 6-1 lav Calder King, 8 Cricus Star,
House Of Riches (8th), 9 Eagle Carryon,
Lord Hastle (8th), 10 Secret Service,
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3.30 (1m 30yd) 1, HIGH PREMICM IA Culture. 11-2 faw) 3, Gladys Althorpe IV. Fallon, 6-1); 3 Pomona (Pat Eodery, 7-1).
4. Duke Valentino (F Lynch, 16-1); ALSO RAN: 6 Jumenan Surset, 13-2 Couragous Dancer, 12 Reliks (Strit, 14 Blaze O); Song Mapile Bay (strit); 16 Dragon's Back Souly form, 20 Plag Fen Mester Woodshick, Rambo Waltzer, 25 Dee-Lady, Dine Hope, 33 N-apen Rocks, 17 ran NR Therhos 11:1, Int., 17-1, Int. 1-1, IR Fahey at Mation Tole E7-90, E1-80, E1-40, E2-90, E3-80 DF £18.80 The £36-20 CSF £29 05 Throast £234 75
4.00 (8); 1, TRADING ACES (R Mullen 12-1); 2, Dayville (T Sprako, 2-1 fav); 3 Abstone Gueen (J F Egan, 11-1); ALSO RAN 4 Wity O So. 13-2 Good Day (6th); 7 Chrothee Flight (5th); 8 Cam Dhu (4th); Pomesport, 10 Rum Lad Vestagonn; 10 run [14], 17-1, 41 st., 16 M £61 at Newmonth Toto Like 10, 22 70, 51 70; E3-40 OF £28.50 The £72.60 CSF £49.44 Throast £40.298

430 (Im 6l) 1, MOONAX iPal Edder/ 11-10 (-law) 2, Court Of Honour (J Rea 11-10 (-law) 3, Politari (L Detron 9-1) ALSO RAN 25 Edipo Re (48t) 4 ran NR Tep On Tootsic 11, 11-1 20: B Hills at Lambourn Tote £190 DF £120 CSF 53.60

Jackpot: not won (pool of £3,337.56 carned forward to Ascot today). Placepot: £164.20, Quadpot: £11.10. Going, good to firm, farm at places.

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2.40 (1m) 1. MELS BABY (Ms., Diams
Jones, 10-11, 2. Awosomo Venture (Mr. R
Thorrion, 14-1), 3. Coe-Jay-Ay (Mr. R
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RAN. 6 Reinhard (62h), 7 Mrs Drummond, 8 Whotherleishard, 12 Lomond Lesse. 14 Reinhay Imp, 16 Iroh Casas, 20 Shoja, Swyriord Suprame, 25 Coccon (6th Colway Bridge, 33 Dno's Mismal (4th), Maglical Midmight, Noble Colours (rel) 16 ran 11, 1 Mr, 6t, 6t, 6t, 11, Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn Tote £3 60; £1 70, £5 80, £1 60 DF £156 90, Tho £50 90 CSF £44 81 Revelet in 3 600cms. Baucht in 3,600ans

3.40 (1m 2f) 1, URGENT Furture, 8-1): 2, Electrich (J. Weaver, 11-10 lav), 3, Desert Fighter (G. Lee, 10-1). ALSO RAN. 11-2 Forest Fantasy, 10-1) ALSO MAN 11-2 Horest Fallassy, 13-2 Apothono (5th), 8 Essayelisee (4th), Ordaned, 14 Fran Godfrey, 25 Spanish Verdici (6th), 40 Coloriul Ambition (ref) 10 ran Hd, M, 11, 11, 114 J Janvs at Didco Tote: £10 30, £2,80, £1 50, £2 20 DF £8,00 Trior £80 70 CSF £18,77 Tricasi rops 68

995-95.
4.10 (7f) 1. QUILLING (J Fortune, 7-2)-l-l-av, Thunderer's nap) 2, Glowing Jade (K Darley, 7-2)-l-lav). 3. Anonym (J Bramhil, 7-2)-l-lav) ALSO RAN 8 Kd Oryfeth, King Rat. Robellion (5th), 12 Murray's Mazda (4th), 14 Spanish Stripper, 16 Tinklers Folly, 20 Shashi 10 ran Nx 14, 32, 31, sh nd M Dods at Darlington Tote £4.40, £2.00, £2.30, £1.50 DF-27.60 This £8.00 CSF £16.65 Thicast: £44.95.

24.49 (1) 1, ZAIMA (F. Dariev, 11-4), 2, Pian For Profit (J. Weaver, 7-4 (av.); 3, Streitzs (N. Kennedy, 7-1) ALSO RAN 6 Super Sant, 7 Brodume Line, 8 The Duejov (6h), 11 Jack Plush (5th), 16 Caeplan Morn, Darika (4th), 9 ran 11, 11, 41, ki 11's), Juniop al Atundel Tote 23.00, 22.70, 21.10, 22.60 OF 23.20 The E1440 CSF 29.14 Tricks (23.186)

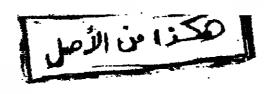
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1.50 (Im 11 149/d) 1. Omara (W Ryan,
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2.20 (6): 1 Eager To Please (T Quent. 9-2); 2: Nover Golf Charger (5-1); 3: Russean Sable (8-1): Dourn. 11-4 fav. 10 tan. 13R. Senate Swarger Ha, nk. Mcc. G. Kellessa, Tolg £4.10, £1.30 £1.90, £3.10 DF 59.50. The £2.20 CSF £7.13
2.50 (5): 1 Anokato (Marin Dovyer 5-2); 2: Keen Warer (10-1); 3: Tollamd (4-5); 12(): 5 fan. 11.15 k. Kery Tree £3.90, £1.20 £3.30 DF £37.50 CSF £30.78
3.20 (55): Flans. 1 and (Pana Cheel & The 3.20 (Sfi 1 Etens Lad (Dane C'Neal, 5-1), C Stop No., Stop (7-1), 3 Perpetual (6-5 tor) 5 ran: J 11 S Hamon Tote 25 00, C 200, C 1-60, 61-50 DF 624-20 CSF 637-95 Tricust 663-86 E37 9: Incust tool 80: 350 (Im 719) vol. 1. Ayuruli (M. Henry, 5.1): 2. Min., Prism 175-21. 5. Puradisc Navy (11-1). 4. Min Copytonic (7-1). Sterling Follow 5-2 kay 16 ran 61: 41. S. Williams, Tate 65 70; 62 00 01 20, 12 70 61 60 0F 516 70. This 274 70. CSF 146,27 Tricact 2363 76.

Tricact 23-3 26
4-20 (fm 4): 1 Ocean Park (4 Clark, 9-2 g-l-av); 2 Prospect (5-1): 2 No Pattern (10-1) Madame Steinten 9-2 g-lav (1 ran 1-), hd Lady Homas Tote ES 80 En 90. 52 10 64 70 DF 527 50 This C140 40 CSF 527 54 After an objection by the Internet fourth was disqualitied for failing to exactly.





HAYDOCK PARK THUNDERER

2.05 Great Tern. 2.40 Nile Valley. 3.10 Danegold. 3.45 River Usk. 4.20 Lord High Admiral. 4.55

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 River Usk.

DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2 05 REPTEMBER MAIDEN HANDICAP

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(Σ	3 <u>,2</u> 41.	1m 61) (20) muusers)		
ï		E MENDO!	WHID 213J S Go DANCER 93 J Du	langs 4-3-10	F Lynch (3)
2 3	(19) 5 (11) 26		A 50 J Gosden 3		K Fallon
í		DO GALAKA	24 L Compani 3-9	3-7	. J Stack
5	(13) 65		CHIMIA II R CIE		W Ryan
Б 7	画) D3 (1) Q		NME 19 J Hills 3 100F 18 C Britta		A McCarthy (7) M Roberts
ġ	m 0-	BO SICARIAI	M 68 M Heaton-E	III5 4-9-5	. Dane O'Nett
	(14) 56	DO CRABBIE	S PRIDE 7 M M	leagher 3-9-3 R	Studholme (7)
10 11	(10) 55 (7) DD	ALISTANA SA	12 J Fanshare 1 S POMTER 28 J	5-9-2.	N Variey (3) M Tabbutt
12	(20) 50	32 LEPIKHA	10 B HBs 3-9-2		. D McKeown
13	(3) 05	45 FOREVER	NOBLE 75 M C	tamen 3-9-0	A Pertern
14 15	116) 55	35 PLEASAIT BA INITIANA	RELANO 30 (8,8 PRINCESS 10 M	r) v M299n 3-9-1) br: M Resource 2-8	R Having (3)
16	(2) 0	35 GENE AND	D TAKE 33 Lond	Huntinedon 3-8-1	1 D Harrison
17 18	(12) 02 (15) 06	O- SEDVICT	'A 187J Mrs M R I 31 A Balley 3-8	eveley 4-8-10	G Lee (5)
19	117) 46	DO JUNIOR (BEN 10 P Hoedin	Q 4-8-5	G Carler F Norton
20	(5) 60	44 GREAT T	ERAN 9 N Babbag	e 4-8-5	Ffrench (7)
5-1	Соттрака	Pomier, 6-1	Lucky Hoot, 7-1	Tahanga, Lepuis	i 6-1 Vedes Cans

2.40 SALE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

(2-	Y-0	£3,	153: 1m 30yd) (11)		
2	何 (11) (2)		BOUT 18 J Gosden 8-11 COOL BREY 22 J J O'Neill 8-11 EPONINE 29 M Channon 8-11	. G Hind G Bardwell A Pertram	i "
5	(8) (8)	2	MAZARA A Foster 9-11 MYRTLEBANK H Cecil 8-11 MILE VALLEY 33 P Chapple-Hyam 8-11	G Carter W Ryan A Hasim (3)	
7 8 9 10	(2) (10) (9) (5)	0	ROISETTE J Gosden 8-11 OLD COLDNY P Cole 8-11 SMART SPRIT 24 Mrs M Reveley 8-11 VALENCIA R Charlton 8-11	A Garth Done O'Nesi A Cultrane	
11 9-4	(3) Note: V	alley.	WELCOME HOME 22 P Dation 8-11 . 5-2 Myttlebank, 6-1 Old Colony, 7-1 Noisette	K Fallon D McKegwn Valericta, 8-1	
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3.10 AKZO NOBEL PREMIER HANDICAP

ŁU,	HED IF	in St. (Solo) (3)	
	(1) 0-00	OUANGO 37 (B.O.F.G) J Filzgerald 4-10-0 K Fallon	, Ç
!	(8) 2001	SECRET ALV 10 (D.F.G) C Britain 6-9-8. M Roberts	94
i	(7) 4216	WAFIR 21 (D.G.S) P Calver 4-9-7 M Burch	92
	(4) 5005	DANEGOLD 7 (V.D.F.E.S) M Chandon 4-9-1 R Perham	93
	(5) -340	OBELOS 14 (D.F) Mrs J Cectl 5-8-8 G Bardwell	80
		J A-AASEM 28 H Thomson Jones 3-8-6 G Carter	
1	13) 01-0	DANCE STAR 17 (F) M James 3-8-6 Errore O'Sorman	各種的
	(2) 5440	SAMM 14 (B,G) S Gollings 3-8-4 . F Lynch (3)	90
		NAMODDAJ 19 (BF) A Slavan 3-8-3 _ D Harrison	91
1-4	Secret A	y. 9-2 Walfr 5-1 Obelos, 5-1 A-Assem, 8-1 Demograd, Com	ngo.

Course specialists

TRAIMERS: H Cecil, 21 winners from 80 numers, 35 0%, P Chappis-Hyam, 8 from 32, 25,0%, P Maldin, 5 from 30, 35 0%; J Dunlop, 28 from 119, 23,5%; J Gosden, 24 from 103, 33 3% JDCKEYS: W Ryan, 31 enners from 141 rides, 32.0%; N Verley, 3 from 14, 21 4%, R Havlin, 3 from 15, 20.0%, O Harrison, 6 from 41, 14.6%, 6 Cartis, 9 from 87, 10.3%, K Fallon, 14 from 140, 10.0%,

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2.25 St Lucinda. 2.55 Diamond Crown. 3.25 Royal Jade. 3.55 Mighty Phantom. 4.25 Windsor Castle. 4.65 Lunar Music. 5.25 Flashy's Son,

3.45 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND KNUTSFORD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,943, 71 30yd) (13)

1	(2)	5	AS-IS 9 M Johnston 9-0 D McKetom -			
2	607	0	BICTON PARK 15 D Morley 9-0 J Stack 80			
3	(7)	5	FARHAN 14 P Waleyn 9-6 6 Carter			
4	(3)		MAYLANE A Stewart 9-0 . M. Roberts. —			
5	(A)		MORRE M Britain 9-0			
6	(77)		RIVER USK H Caerl 9-0			
7	(13)		RUSSIAN ASPECT M W Excerty 9-0 A Culture -			
8	(8)	8	YAM-SING 23 T Easterby 9-8 M Birch -			
q	Dilli	_	ACCOMM STATE I COMPANY OF THE STATE OF			
10	(12)	52				
11	(5)	_	DELICAH M Sanut 2-9 4 Fallon -			
12	(4)		OCEAN LIGHT A Baley 8-9			
13	iti	5				
2-1 River Lisk, 7-2 Charus Song, 9-2 Fathan, 5-1 Deblat, 8-1 Spanish hant, 10-1						
AS-E. 12-1 Maylane, 14-1 others						

4.20 AKZO NOBEL HOLDINGS HANDICAP

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1	(17)	2005	TWACE AS SHARP 17 (O.F.G) P Hants 4-10-0 G Hand	91
2	-(n)	7000	TADEO 49 (D.F.G) M. Johnston 3-9-12 F Lynch (3)	25
3	(2) 4	1430	LAGO DI VARANO 7 (V,D,F,G,5) R WALLEY 4-9-12	
			D Mediumon	95
4	(4)	50-O	SNOTE HALL 30 (D.F.G.S) 7 Wason 5-9-11 O Pears (3)	90
5	(3)	200	EASTERN PROPHETS 98 (D.F.S) T Nametion 3-9-9	-
			Dane O'Nest	93
6	(14)	600	SALORMATE 34 (B,CD,G,S) 5 Bouring 5-9-8 D Harrison	ã
7	/18: E	2002	LORD HIGH ADMIRAL 11 (V.CD,BF,F,G,S)	
•	114, 4		M Heaton-Files B-9-8 M Roberts	97
8	1375	DDB	AMESCALATAN OF ALTER ED A Description of the Comments	
ğ	100	200	ANSELLMAN 17 (V.D.F.G.S.) J Berry 6-9-7 . 6 Carner	93
9	[3] (auu i	SURPRISE MISSION 15 (D.F.G) Mrs. J Remarkes 4-9-1	
			K Fallon	-
10	(10)	2050	STOLEN KISS 78 (B.D.F.S) M W Exclusivy 4-9-0 A Culture	90
11	(B) 1	LU.	ROYAL DOME 15 (CD.F.G.) M Ware 4-9-13 R Hevilla (3)	97
12	[12]	1324	KIRA 15 (D.F.G) J Ewe 6-8-12 N Variev (3)	96
13	(12) (1534	JUCEA 19 (D.BF.F.S) J Spearing 7-8-12 W Ryan	86
14	(7) E	220	SING WITH THE BAND 15 (D.F.G) B McMahon 5-8-8	
	,		A McCartry (7)	92
15	(6) 5	403	DAAWE 15 (V.D.F.G.S) Mrs V Acontey 5-8-8 M Deering	94

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4	.J	J C	ASTLE IRWELL HANDICAP	
(3-	Y-0	: £4,2	258: 7f 30yd) (16)	
1	(10)	30-1	MELHANDIS 69 (D.F) J Gozden 9-7 6 Hind	9
3	(7)	5-DQ	OH WHATAKNIEHT 35 (G) J Hills 9-5 F Lynch (3)	
3	(75)	0516	MYBOTYE 74 (D.F.G) 6 Oldroyd 9-5 (3)	5
4	(161	5050	OCEAN GROVE 29 (5) P Chapple-Hydra 9-4 R Handin (3)	9
5	(9)	0632	MEZZANOTTE 38 (BF) L Cumani 9-3 K Fallon	9
6	(11)	520	MEZNH 23 (BF) H Thomson Jones 9-1	5
7	(2)	2054	FIRST MATE 22 (B.G) S Boaring 9-1 D McKaourn	9
â	(5)	3305	MUNISHARPA 18 J Fanstram 9-1 K Vintey (3)	9
8		0400		
-	1-4) Calma	•
10	(12)	1253	OBERON'S DART 28 (D.G) P Makio 8-13 M Roberts	9
11	215	1100	MAISSANT 7 (D.G.S.) R Michellar 8-11 J Nichriley (7)	ě
12				
15		3440		Ŀ

Carson out of intensive care

3-1 Muhandis, 4-1 Meszanotte, 5-1 Vani Viol Vest, Darl, 14-1 On Whateknight, Naksani, 16-1 others

WILLIE CARSON has been moved from intensive care to a surgical ward in the North Hampshire Hospital, Basingstoke. Carson is being treated for liver injuries received when he was kicked in the stomach by his intended mount, Meshhed, at Newbury last week.

	MARKEN STARES (2-Y-U: £3,002: T/R TT) (0)
	1 KOSEVO (V) M Stoots 9-0
	2 O OCEAN BREEZE 38 J Walterfold 9-0 J Bramisii (7) 3
	3 6 SMETWAY 9 K Hogg 9-D
	4 WINDSOR CASTLE P Cole 9-0 , ,, ,. M Rimmer 2
	5 0 ZIGSE 9 T Berran 9-0 J Forfame 6
	6 LIFFRE J Gosdan 8-9 A McGlone 5
1	5-4 Kosero, 7-4 Littre, 3-1 Windsor Captie, 16-1 Japan, 25-1 Sufferny, 33-1 Green
- 1	årenza.

2.25 PARTRIDGE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

GOING: FIRM (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

Y-U. £3,646: 61) (6 (Uriners)
1 2 ARCHELLO 10 G Oldroyd B-11 G Pandin (5) 2 0 ChandERANA 12 Mrs. J Parroson B-11 J Fortuna 3 GOLLACCA G Moore B-11 J Tartuna 4 05 MULERE 10 M Johnston B-11 T Williams 51 LUGNING D Loder B-11 D R MicCabe 6 43 THAHABYAH 10 M Thomson Jones B-11 R Price 51 Lucanda 11-4 Theshabyah, 8-1 Curanerma, 10-1 Multare, Archello, 25-
ccu
55 OHAN SELVEN HANDIGAD

(£2,847, 1m 2f) (17)

8429	QANARSTAR 21 (BF,8) P Fants 4-10-0 J F Egan 15
0054	KEVASANGO 4 (F.G) 9 Halb + 8-12 J D Smith (5) 2
6450	SLAPY DAM 23 (V,0,5) J Mector 4-9-10 G Fautoner (5) 10
3500	HAWWAM 14 (C.D.F.B.S) E Asson 10-9-9 5 Drowns 6
0353	DIAMOND CROWN 4 (O.F) M Water 5-9-5 M Plittmer 3
0000	TEE TEE TOO 143 (Q) Mass M Milliogram 4-9-5 . J Farming B
4234	RAINDEER OUEST 43 (F.6) J Gyre 4-9-5 . R Lappin 16
2050	YLPPY GIPL 21 J Wilson 3-9-3 D Switteney (7) 14
0250	TOMAL 9 (C.F) R Ingram 4-9-2 . D R McCabe 1
1403	RISKY ROSE 53 (BF.F.G) A Holleshand 4-9-2 J Forume 5
6064	MCGILLYCUODY REEKS 10 (O.F) N Tireter 5-9-2 (Ost Tinking 7
0450	HI ROCK 4 (V.F.) J Norion 4-9-2 G Parker (5) 17
0450	PUNKERTON POLKA 50 J Paikes 4-9-1 K Rutter 12
6680	SHAA SPIN 5 J Berry 4-9-1 P Roberts (5) 8
4005	BRAMBLES WAY 30J (V) Mrs M Revaley 7-9-1 . 8 Copp (5) 4
0250	PALACEGATE JO 43 (G,S) O Chapman 5-9-0 P McCabe (3) 13
4000	ACQUITTAL 19 (V,F) A Streeter 4-8-13 L Newson (5) 11
MARKET.	7-1 Slapy Dem, 9-1 Tomal 10-1 Kavasingo, Damond Crown, 12-1
ů.	McGillycoddy Reeks, 14-1 others
	Frankelines
	0420 0054 6450 0353 0900 4234 2050 0250 1403 6064 0450 6660 4006 0250 4000 warn.

3.25 SNIPE MAIDEN STAKES

U	81: /	7) (10)	
	0	BEANO SCRIPT 51 MOS S Half 3-9-0 J F Egan I	
	0000	KASS ALHAWA 7 D Chapman 3-9-0 P McCabe (3)	5
1		LA MAFARR 49 J Scoton 3-9-0 A McGlone 19	
ŀ	0060	TIME TO FLY 36 P Marray 3-9-0 V Halliday	
		DONA FILIPA 21 Mes L Sidoali 3-8-9	
	3525	HANNALOU 18 S Woods 3-8-9 D Biggs	
	90	HONEYHALL 21 to Bycrots 3-8-9 J Parming	
ı		KEEN SALLY John Gerry 3-8-9 . T Williams .	
i	40	MISS WALSH 11 C Boots 3-8-9 J Fortune -	4
ı	-520	ROYAL JADE 95 (BF) 3 Hills 3-8-9 J D Smith (5)	1
2	Mater To	5-2 Royal Jack 8-7 Hammabul 12-1 Honeyhall, 14-1 Nass Affaina Fly, Keen Sally, 25-1 others).
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3.55 TOTE BOOKMAKERS RATED HANDICAP

Ľ,	C5.356. 1m 6l 19yd) (4)									
	7	6006	CLASSIC EAGLE 33 (S) R Harts 3-9-9	R Price 3						
	2	1815	HIGHE YING 17 (CD.F.G.S) G Moore 10-9-8.	J Tabe 2						
	3	00-11	GOOD HAND 8 (C.F.G) S kettlewell 10-8-10 Janny	Berson (7) 4						
	4	1524	MIGHTY PHANTOM 24 (F,G) J Hols 3-8-4	A McGlane 1						
4	Go	oo Han	d 9-4 Maghry Phaestons, 4-1 Heghlitymg, Classic Eagli							

WORCESTER

2.30 Difficult Decision. 3.00 Certain Angle. 3.35 Stormtracker. 4.10 Wottashambles. 4.45 Dubelle. 5.15 Strong John.

4.25 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND GROUSE

4.55 PHEASANT NURSERY HANDICAP

(2-Y-0: £3,173: 5f) (11)	
1 551D LUNAR MUSIC 14 (D.F) N Waste 9-7 D Secondy (?) 6	
2 0151 LITTLE BLUE 9 (C.D.F.) T Easterby 9-2 @ Foodisms (5) 9	
3 0150 MOLLY OFKINAMOND 75 (D.S) W ESEV B-1. N COMMOTOR 11	
4 1400 NORTHERN SAL 10 (D.S) J Serry 8-12 P Roberts (5) 5	
5 5402 DONNA'S DANCER 5 (B) T Serron 8-12 J Fortune 10	
6 3310 KEEN TO PLEASE 14 (D.BF.6) Dems Smith 8-10 J Farrance 1	
7 DOTO IMPERIAL GARDEN 14 (D.E) P Harton 8-7 \$ Drowne 2	
8 800 POKER PRINCESS 40 M Ball 8-4 J Tata 3	
9 D1D2 KNLCULLER LAD 5 (F) P Mooney 8-3 D A McCabe 8	
10 0000 WILLIAM'S WELL 21 (8) M W Easterby 8-3 J.F. Egan 4	
11 0000 SHOTLEY PRINCESS 9 N Sycroft 7-19 N Kennedy 7	
3-1 Little Blue, 7-2 Lusse Music, 6-1 Donna's Denow, 7-1 Noviewn Sel. Kees To Please, 8-1 Wissilen Led, 10-1 Molly Drummand, 12-1 others	

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3_/	۲٦	DUCK APPRENTICES HANDICAP
20.0	105. 6	in (18)
2,01	:0J. U	ii) (10)
1	0000	CHEEKY CHAPPY 15 (B.D.F.S.S) D Chapman 5-9-12
		P McCade 13
5	0405	CARTLEREA LAD 5 (D.F.G) R Holleshoot 7-9-11. 8 Partin 14
3	0463	FRENCH GRIT 21 (C.D.F.) M Dods 4-9-9 C Teague I
4	1550	HALMANERFIOR 21 (C.D.SF.F.Q.S) Mrs. J Planedon 6-9-9
		IR McCale 5
5	0500	WELSH MOUNTAIN 12 (V.F) M Heaton-Dills 3-9-4 S Drowne ?
6	5804	MISTER WESTSOUND 7 (B.D.F) Miss L Partal 4-9-4
•		P Clarks (5)
7	2000	MONTRESTAR 127 (B.F) P Evens 3-4-4. Assnory Bond (5): 17
8	0300	CAVERS YANGOUS 16 (V.D.Q.S) M Johnston 5-9-2
-		(L. Simol (2) 10
9	0003	BARATO 25 (D.F.G) Mrs. J. Ramsden 5-9-1 T Finn (5) 11
		FLASHY'S SOM 4 (B.COLF.G) F Murstry 8-8-12 D Hayden (7) 4
11	5066	DMGI ATE 56 (CO F S) M Wane 7-8-2 P Roberts 6

B- Franch Ent. 7- Fakulariemor, 8-7 Caves Yangous, Cassaya Eno, Cassa 10-1 Baraks, 12-1 others
COURSE SPECIALISTS
TRANSERS: D Loder, 7 witners from 22 rusiners, 31.8%, J Gooden, from 55, 75.5%, M Stoute, 7 from 29, 24.1%, H Transcon Jones,

19E SPECIALISTS
moners from 22 numers, 31.8%, J Gosden, 14 ste, 7 from 29 24.1%, H Thomsson Jones, 6 er, 4 from 24. 16.7%, M Bet. B from 49,
womers from 5 naise, 60 0%. Goly qualifies

☐ Singspiel tackles the grade one Canadian International, formerly the Rothmans, over 1 12 miles at Woodbine, Toronto, tomorrow. Michael Stoute has booked Gary Stevens to ride the colt in a field which is expected to number seven runners.

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ļ	HURDLE (£4,923: 2m 4f) (7)
ł	1 4-21 ECHO DE JANSER 63 (6) A Hobbs 4-11-12 Mr G Sheekin (7)
ı	2 -211 FELDRIDGE 14 (CO.J. G) M Muggenage 7-10-13 _ B Powell
ľ	3 3-11 WOTTASHAMBLES 15 (CD,F) L Montague Hart 5-10-8 D Montag
ı	4 031- FREDDE MUCK 310 (D.F.G) N Twiston-Dances 6-10-3
ı	C Line Sys
ı	5 3211 SANTELLA BOY 17 (B,D,F) C Marin 4-10-1 J Raiton
ł	6 -001 HOLY JOE 21 (D.F.G.S) D Burchell 14-19-0 A Magdia
ı	7 2224 LANCER 32 (F) R Judes 4-10-0 W Marston
ı	3-1 Peldridge, 7-2 Wotteshambles, 4-1 Ecto De Janser Santollo Buy. 5-1 Freddin
J	tand 17.1 Holy ing 70.1 lener

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.30 BOATHOUSE NATIONAL HUNT NO HURDLE (£2,460: 2m) (13 runners)	VICES
1 000- CAULAIN 134 A Bar tw 5-10-12 FO-2 COURTRY WINSTREL 14 5 DOORS 5-10-12 0.5 DIFFICULT DECISION 15 Mrs & Jones 5-10-12 0.0- EL CORPODES 178 W Jens 5-10-12 FAITHFUL HAND With 5 Smath 6-10-12 PACIFIC RIDGE Mrs M Jones 5-10-12 0.0- AVDISION 173 R Cortes 1-01-10 0 MRS 5-10-10 0 MRS 5-10-10 10 MRS 5-10-10 11 MRS 5-10-10 12 MRS 5-10-10 13 GPD- NESTOUND FROM 12 POACCA 4-10-10 14 MRS 5-10-10 15 MRS 5-10-10 16 MRS 5-10-10 17 MRS 5-10-10 18 MRS 5-10-10 19 MR	J F 1969 Lighteesis 7-1 Vallingale,

3.00 TOLLADINE HANDICAP CHASE

		m 7f) (6)
Ę	31-2	HAVE TO THURK 146 (F.S.) P Nuchell: 8-12-0. M A Fizzget WASE APPROACH 106 (CD.F.G.S.) A Bailey 9-12-0 5 Mich PFEEE 148 (F.G.S.) P Bowen 9-11-7 4 Millors TO SAY 33 (BF.F.G.S.) Miss V Malarms 10-11-6 Michael Bernman

5 21-1 CERTAIN ANGLE 111 (D.F.C.S.) P Hobbs, 7-10-9 C Measing 6 669- CORCHINY BOY 175 (F.G.S.) 13rd J Patron 11-10-8 W Marsion 2-1 Intain Angle, 11-1 Wee Approach, 7-2 Have To Think, 7-1 Category Boy, 8-1 Make Who a Te Say

3.35 w & P FOOD SERVICE NOVICES CHASE (£3.884: 2m 7f) (10)

- 1	-213	DEFINITE MAYBE IN (B.O.) INCIDES OF
- 2	4-12	TORREST THREE SEASON SERVICES A PROPERTY.
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9	-042	OLGS LENGT 73 2 Revitant 6-10-7
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- 4	1550	HALMANERFIOR 21 (C.D.SF.F.O.S) Mrs. J Planeston 6-8-8
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5	0500	WELSH MOUNTAIN 12 (V.F) M Hoston-Ellis 3-9-4 S Drowns
6	5804	MESTER WESTSOUND 7 (B.O.F) Miss L Partal 4-8-4
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a	0003	BARATO 25 (D.F.S) Mrs. J Remaden 5-9-5 T Fino (5)
10	4000	FLASHY'S SON 4 (B,CO,F,G) F Murphy 8-6-12 D Hayden (7)
11	5066	DIVIGILATE 56 (CO.F.G) M Ware 7-8-2 P Roberts
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11	5066	DIVIGILATE 56 (CO.F.G) M Wane 7-8-2 P
12	0040	CAMBONNEUR 9 (B.D.BF,F) T Existing 3-8-2 @ Facility
13	2000	PALLIUM 9 (F,S) Nrs A Naughton 8-6-0 D Swee
14	0500	MISS ARASON 12 (D.F.G.) Miss L Sissell 8-7-11 .
15		MEVER SAY SO 53 C Smith 4-7-10 Je i
16		DISSENTOR 9 (V.D.S.) J Glover 4-7-10
		SWIFTY NIFTY 10 Vi Haigh 3-7-10 Damen !
16	0663	RAGAZZO 25 (B,G) J Warnenghi 6-7-10 J Braz
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COURSE SPECIALISTS
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JOCKEYS: 1 D Smith. 3 wenters from 5 nates, 60 0%. Only qualifies

4. [U JOHN WHITT MEMDRIAL KANDIGAP				
HURDLE (£4,923· 2m 4f) (7)				
1 4-21 ECHO DE JANSER 63 (6) A Hobbs 4-11-12 Mr G Sheekin (7)				
3 ST1 FELDRIDGE 14 (CO.F.G) M Muggendge 7-10-13 B Powell				
3 3-11 WOTTASHAMBLES 15 (CD,F) L Montague Harl 5-10-8 D Mismis				
4 031- FREDDE MUCK 310 (D.F.G) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-3				
Clark				
5 3211 SANTELLA BOY 17 (B,D,F) C Marin 4-19-1 J Raiton				
6 -001 HOLY JOE 21 (D.F.G.S) D Burchell 14-19-0 A Magain				
7 2224 LANCER 32 (F) R Justes 4-10-0 W Marston				
3-1 Fieldridge, 7-2 Wottechambles, 4-1 Ectro De Janser Santello Buy. 5-1 Freddin				
Much, 10-1 Holy Joe, 30-1 Lancer				

4.45 EXCELNIR NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

120,0	13,002. 201) (3)				
1	2/0-	BRIDEPARK ROSE 212 (5) G McCourt 8-11-10 6 Bradley			
2	FF-0	MARTHA'S DAUGHTER 15 T Faster 7-11-9 A Thomson			
3	-311	HARROW WAY 23 (D.F) (Wells 6-11-7 A Maguin			
4	P-13	THERETE 17 (BF.F) J King 6-19-3 J College)			
5	06.1	PRINCE SICYBURD 30 (D.F) Mrs. P. Wason 5-10-12 D. Bridgerstein			
6	1273	SEAHAWK RETRIEVER 16 (F) P NUCLORS 7-19-7 M A PRODUCTOR			
7	7975	THE VOKE 126 R Rauch 10-10-5 P HETEV [5]			
A	45P.	(AURA LVE 128 B De Haan & 13-2 J Marion			
ğ	5-34	SCRIPT 23 (F) J Jenkos 5-10-1 W Marston			
9-4 Ha	1-4 Hierrow Way, 3-1 Marthu's Daughaes, 5-7 Septemb Herclener 7-1 Debrille 5-1 bildepart Acse, Proce Skyturd. 12-1 others.				

5.15 LADBROKES HANDICAP NURIDLE

£			?m) (10)
	1	22-3	AMAZE 33 (U.S) Lady Herres 7-12-0
			COOLEY'S VALVE 15 (CO.F) Mas S Thickness 8-11-6 Souther Mittellet (5)
	3	-434	SWINGS IN THENES 19F & Palling 4-10-11 R Fartan
	4	23-5	FERCE 100 (D,BF,F,G,S) J Jerburs, 8-10-10 D Visiondeus (7 STRONG JOHN 14 (F,E) M Soversby 8-10-10 D Parker (3
	6	RF.	WAYFARERS WAY 172 N Henderson 5-10-9 M A Fitzgerak
	7	01.5	HAMADRYAD 98 (D.F) Mrs Y Ward 8-10-5 D Gallaghe VERDE LUNA 19F (BF.F) D Arbuthon 4-18-4 G Bradley
	9	1.45	PIESEY STREET BOY 49 (CD.F) J Bosky 9-10-0 1 Lawrence
	10	POO-	TIBRES INDI 128 A Barrow 7-10-0 A Thornton
-1	W	शंबदाः	Way 7-2 Amaze, 4-1 Cooley's Value 5-1 Veste Luna, 6-1 Strong

John 7-1 Fierce 12-1 rlematryod, 16-1 others

JOCKEYS M Dwyer 5 winners from 20 rides, 25.0%; J Colloly, 5 Irum 23, 27.7%, G Bradley, 10 Irom 48, 20.8%, A Maguire, 22 Irom 136, 15.2%, D Bridgwaler, 22 Irom 138, 15.9%, C Llewellyn, 48 Irom 116, 15.5%

RACING: SECOND DAY OF ASCOT FESTIVAL HEADS TOMORROW'S THREE PROGRAMMES

Sleeyptime's stinging linish. Cecil can also harbour

worthwhile hopes for Be-

siege's chance in the GTECH

Royal Lodge Stakes (2.35) over a mile. This brother to Armi-

ger mastered a field resplen-

dent with previous winners at

Haydock and has a rugged outlook. Besiege would appre-

ciate an easy surface but all ground comes alike to Benny

The Dip, who had Desert Story behind when winning at

Desert Story reopposes on

identical terms. The fact that

connections are undeterred

speaks volumes for the Don-

caster form, and Benny The Dip can amplify the point at the expense of Medaaly. Equal

Rights, whose penalty puts

him up against it, offers a

yardstick to the packing order

juvenile races, Cecil's strong

team should not leave Ascot

empty-handed. He saddles

Dacha in the Tote Sunday Special Handicap (4.25) and

the colt holds attractive eachway claims. In the inevitable

rough and tumble, Dacha's prominent style of racing

should serve him well and this

improving individual can con-

firm his Haydock defeat of

The Mail On Sunday Mile

Final (3.10) has endless permu-

tations, one of which might

yield a front-running victory

for Sky Dome. Drawn widest

of all in stall 26, Sky Dome

remains fairly handicapped

and should have the far rail all

Romios on 6lb worse terms.

Whatever his fate in the

among juvenile colts.

Doncaster recently.

Red Camellia can deny favourite in Fillies' Mile

THERE is a gilt-edged opportunity for punters who draw reassurance from familiar themes. Twelve months ago Henry Cecil landed the Fillies' Mile with a humble maiden winner, who went off an oddson chance and won as she pleased. At Ascot tomorrow (3.50) Cecil attempts an encore with the likely favourite Sleepytime, whom he has already mentioned in the

same breath as Bosra Sham. Remarkably, Sleepytime contests this championship event just II days after seeing a racecourse for the first time. She faces a monumental task. yet a measure of Cecil's intent is evident from the man on her back. In normal circumstances Pat Eddery would be contemplating victory aboard Reams Of Verse, a stablemate of Sleepytime who routed a competitive field in the May Hill Stakes at Doncaster. Yet Eddery has ditched Reams Of the daughter of Royal Academy, whose prospects would brighten under rain-darkened

would relish.



Verse for Sleepytime, whom he guided to an effortless victory at Sandown last week. It is courting folly to oppose skies. As it is, however, Sleepytime, the second favourite for the 1,000 Guineas. should indeed be opposed. Cecil himself testified his filly jarred a shoulder on the gallops in July, and her powerful frame suggests that a demanding race on fast ground is the last thing she

Although Sleepytime boasts



the front, defying all-comers to match her raking stride. At Goodwood last month, she triumphed every bit as easily as did Sleepytime at Sandown and from far stronger opposition. Khassah has eachway appeal but Red Camel-lia's free-running style offers



RACING ON

TELEVISION excellent acceleration, the emphasis tomorrow will be on staying power, particularly with Red Camellia in the lineup. Red Camellia races from

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

(2-Y-D: £3,377: 5f 4yd) (7 runners)

2.15 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES

3 BISHOPS COURT 11 Mrs. J Ramedom 9-0...
053 CHANGED TO BALEYS 27 J Bomy 9-0...
FORCING BID M Precont 9-0...
TEPPERATY SURSET J Comm 9-0...
25 HURRELL LADY 10 J Wass 8-9...
0 LIGHTMENG BOLT 42 M JOINSON 9-0.
D MCHMING STAR 10 M JOINSON 9-9.

2.50 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,631: 61 5yd) (9)

4-6 Biologia Court. 4-1 Changes To Biologis, 7-1 Hurghi Sancet, 14-1 Lighthering Boll, 23-1 Forcing Biol, Marriang Sta

2 ALLEGRO 42 (BF) D Loder 9-0 ... CEE-N-K II Javesian 3-0... 5 TRALISLAZER 23 C Thurnton 9-0 ...

b THALL SLAVE 23 C IBROTION 9-0 ...

9 YORKE GEORIGE 24 L Curran 9-0 ...

200 CURZON STREET 19 IN STOKE 8-0 ...

PRINCESS ZHRA M Indresson 8-9 ...

SANG D'ANTREES D Courses 8-0 ...

6 WALTZ TRUE 10 Stat L Pennis 8-0 ...

3.25 LIZARS BINOCULARS HANDICAP

3-1 Celebration Calle 7-2 Barling Closet, 4-1 King Coron, 5-1 Ballanca, 6-1 Censordino, Royal Result, 8-1 others

4.00 TELEWEST COMMUNICATIONS CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-0: £4,665: 1m 65yd) (7)

3-1 Reducts 4-1 Futher Dations, 9-2 The In-Lans, 5-1 Ivan Lus, Wining San 5-1 Bea's Roller, Descellors.

THUNDERER

2.15 Morning Star. 2.50 Allegro. 3.25 Bulsara. 4.00 Further Outlook. 4.35 Power Game. 5.10 Natural Key. 5.40 Red Tie Affair.

Cecil: strong team

HAMILTON PARK TOMORROW :--

4.35 CHINIS CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,050: 1m 65yd) (12)

9-2 Western Venture, 5-1 La Frenie, 6-1 CD Separ Targetone, Mesiac Times, 7-1 Power Game, 10-1 Cense, Inchella, 12-1 others

1 0129 PAGESDY 3 (CD.F.S) P Hastam 7-9-10 . J Fortone 7 2 4821 MANOLO 11 (8.F.) J Borry 3-9-7 . S Whelwarth 13 3 3199 NATITEM, KEP 8 (CD.E.D) D Haydra Jones 3-9-7 L Charmock 14 5052 HOH MALESTIC 6 DV.D.F.SI M Ware 3-9-8 . M Ferston 6

2442 DOMMELLE 13 (0,F) T Easterby 4-8-12 ... R rhwln (7) 3 1230 VALAR 10 (8,0,F,8) D Clayman 7-8-12 ... J Wester 4 2250 MY CHERRYWELL 115 (V,D,G,S) L Utyel-lames 6-8-11

11 8080 CRAIGIE 807/28 (V.C.G.S) N Dyconh 6-8-7... K Fallon 1 12 0040 SUNDAY MAIL TOO 10 (CD.F.G.S) Mas L Paralt 4-8-2

Kennedy 18
13 0-40 NEVER SAY SO 54 C Smith 4-7-13 ... Watey (5) 9
14 GOOS TARCAST 27 (B.CD.F.G.S.) D Crapman 11-7-13 P Fessey (5) 11
15 GOOS COOLOWEN FLASH 13 (0,F) J Eyes 5-7-11... T Williams 5 5-1 Dormelle, 6-1 Minuto, Hob Mayeste. 7-1 Maked bay, Pagabay 6-1 kalar, 10-1 Stepheneous Rockel, 12-1 others.

7-2 Courses Bridge, 5-1 Poste: Dates, Ragisme Congel. 7-1 The Bulliannesh lide. Red Till Albit, 8-1 Read Racer, 10-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANSERS: A Stevent, 7 convers from 9 auneers, 77.8%, M Jarvis, 4 bern 12, 33.3%, M Belt, 12 born 37, 32.4%, M Prescott, 11 from 38, 28.9%, J Warts, 3 from 12, 25.0%, M Stocke, 3 from 12, 25.0%

JOCKEYS: S Welwork, 6 wissers from 16 rates, 37.5%, J Wesser, 41 from 154 26 6%, J Forkere, 30 from 711, 18.0%, R Harfer, 9 from 52, 17.3%; T Weltans, 11 from 71, 15.5%; D McNeome, 24 from 162, 14.6%.

5.40 PETER GRANT TESTIMONIAL HANDICAP

(3-Y-0: £3,318: 1m 4l 17yd) (12)

5.10 RACING CHANNEL SATURDAY SERVICE HANDICAP (£4,038: 51 4yd) (15)

ASCOT TOMORROW

	THU
2.00 Ricky Ticky Tavie	
.35 Besiege	

3.10 Master Bavaled

3.50 Reams Of Verse 4.25 At Liberty 5.00 DOUBLE QUICK (nap)

SIS

BBC2

Private Handicapper's top rating: 3,50 RED CAMELLIA. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Ricky Ticky Tavia. 3.50 SLEEPYTIME (nap). 5.35 Time Allowed.

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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) TOTE JACKPOT MEETING	DRAW, NO ADV
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Z. UU SUNDAY CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-0: £12,544: 7f) (11 runners) 1 SURREAM DANCE 19 (D.F. (Goodghar) 5 but Surger 9-0 CYSERTECRYOLLOSY AV Geedley 8 Nds 8-11 E-MANU, 10 Coulty J Eustace 8-17 2 KAPANU, 19 H AU Mantony 5 Durkop 8-11 MANDLAR (H H Aga Pisan) L Cummur 6-11 PURCHASING POWER (M Jabo) IN Calabylan 8-11 RICKY TICKY TANKE (Luczyan Saut) L code 8-11 SHAHBOOR (Akma AU Mattourn) M Soute 8-11 TRULY PARCHED IN Armstage) P Chapole Hyarn 8-11 JISSA MADOR (# Sauch P Kuffeson 8-11 3 FURNISH 18 IV. Absulut 8 Hults 9-6 FURNISH 18 IV. Absulut 8 Hults 9-6

BETTING, 3-7 Surbeam Cance, 7-2 Funnish, 4-1 Kahal, 6-1 Ricky Troky Taxes, 8-7 Stephenor, 10-1 others 1995: 510RY LINE 5-6 D Hohard :16-1) B Hill: 8 ran 2.35 GTECH ROYAL LODGE STAKES BBC2 (Group N. 2-Y-O colts and geldings: £69,330: 1m md) (8 runners) 2131 EDUAL RIGHTS 20 (D.F.G.) (R Sungater) P Chapte-Hyum 9-0 2431 ARR DCPRESS 10 (F) (M Disada) C dintain 6-11 2131 BENNY THE DR 18 (G) Landon kngin) J Gesten 9-11 218 ESSEGE 22 (D.F.G) (R Abdulla) H Ceril 8-11 219 DESERT STORY 18 (S) (Masteum Al Maletoumy M Storde 8-11. M J Kimane 2131 REDANTY 30 (D.F.S) (Goodphin) S Masteum 6-11. EDUAL 2131 ESTATE FAIR 44 (F.G) (R Rocharts) B Hills 8-11. K Darley 3211 STATE FAIR 44 (F.G) (R Rocharts) B Hills 8-11. M Hills 2131 STATE FAIR 44 (F.G) (R Rocharts) B Hills 8-11. Destate 3212 STATE FAIR 44 (F.G) (R Rocharts) B Hills 8-11. Destate 3213 STATE FAIR 44 (F.G) (R Rocharts) B Hills 8-11. Destate 3214 STATE FAIR 44 (F.G) (R Rocharts) B Hills 8-11. Destate 3215 STATE FAIR 44 (F.G) (R Rocharts) B Hills 8-11. Destate 3216 STATE FAIR 44 (F.G) (R Rocharts) B Hills 8-11. Destate 3217 STATE FAIR 44 (F.G) (R Rocharts) B Hills 8-11. Destate 3218 STATE FAIR 44 (F.G) (R Rocharts) B Hills 8-11. Destate 3218 STATE FAIR 44 (F.G) (R Rocharts) B Hills 8-11. Destate 3218 STATE FAIR 44 (F.G) (R Rocharts) B Hills 8-11. Destate 3218 STATE FAIR 44 (F.G) (R Rocharts) B Hills 8-11. Destate 3218 STATE FAIR 44 (F.G) (R Rocharts) B Hills 8-11. Destate 3218 STATE FAIR 44 (F.G) (R Rocharts) B Hills 8-11. Destate 3218 STATE FAIR 44 (F.G) (R Rocharts) B Hills 8-11. Destate 3218 STATE FAIR 44 (F.G) (R Rocharts) B Hills 8-11. Destate

SETTIME. 5-2 Mexically 3-1 Seriory The Dip 7-2 Bestegs, 5-1 Excel Rights, 8-1 Air Express, Desert Story, 10-1 State Fair, 12-1 Recording

FORM FOCUS				
COLLAL REGISTS beat RECONDITE (Allo better off) "All in group in Future's States at the Curragh (1m, most to practicipal, ARE DOPRESS beat Grand Ltd." "All in conditions, race at Yammuch (64 good to more personnel to the property of the	FEICE test Sanitable head at committee rate of hydrock (I'm good to hm). MEDAALY best imp- ernal President 31-1 in conditions race at Sandow (I'm good) STATE FAIR best in Question 1141 in Islaed race at Newbory (7), good).			

			UN SUNDAY MILE HWAL	
(Han	qicat), £29,71	00° 1m str) (26 runners)	
301	420	205010	AMRAK AJEEB 24 (D.F.G,S) (A Merza) 8 Hanbury 4-10-0 M Rimmer	-
302	(8)	2-20116	HAL'S PAL 15 (B.BF.G) (NY Strid) D Loder 3-9-0 L Delbor	-
303	C54	160011	SKY DOME 35 (D.F.G.) (Miss D Marson) M Tomplens 3-8-13 _ M Henry (3)	-
304	(24)	220250	SANDMOOR CHAMBRAY 15 (F.G) (Sandmoor Ltd) Fasterby 5-8-11 M Birch	- 1
365	(19)		MOSCOW MIST 50 (D.F.) (Menthyr Motor Auctions) Lady Herries 5-8-9 ID O'Shea	1
306	(10)	213301	REBEL COUNTY 9 (D.F.G.S.) (Creating log Cream) A Barley 3-8-9 . K Darley	1
307	(11)		SERENCIPITY 15 (B.F) (J Darby) J Donlop 3-8-9 I Quant	- (
305	[16]		SUE'S RETURN 11 (D.F.S) (A Motion) A Javes 4-8-8	- 1
309	(14)	024431	ADMIRALS FLAME 36 (D.F.S) (Hordestern Record) C Wall 5-8-8 6 Duffield	-
310	(18)	344113	JERRY CLITRONA 38 (D.F.S) (M H4II) N Callaghan 3-8-7 Pat Eddery	
311	177	300351	SEVENTEERS LUCKY 25 (D.F.G.) (D. Cameron) Both Jones, 4-8-7 . In Day	-
317	[15]	400002	MO-ADDAB 8 (CD.F.G.S) (S Hammond) A Steamt 6-8-5 M Roberts	- 1
313	(3)	000510	DARYABAD 12 (B.D.F.G) (C.& M. Racing Plans) T Abaughton 4-8-4 . G Carter	- 1
314	(1)	350003	CHAMPAGNE GRANDY B (F.G.S) (Grandy Gals) M Channon 6-8-3 P P Hampby (5)	- 1
315	(6)		AUTUMN COVER 16 (D,F) (6 Alexander) P Hedger 4-8-3 D Biggs	- 1
316	(4)	343310	BROUGHTONS TURMOR 32 (D.F.G) (B & Westwood) W Messon 7-8-2 G Hand	- 1
317	(23)	304000	FRILON 11 (D.F.G) (C Bittan) C Britain 6-8-2 B Dayle ZANO 35 (D.F) (R Gibbs) Lady Hernes 6-8-1 F Lynch (3)	-
318	(13)	02-0080	ZAJKO 35 (D.F) (R Gables) Lady Hernes 6-8-1 F Lynch (S)	- 1
319	(12)		PRIDE OF PENDLE B (D.F.R.S.) (LAS L. AMIET) D. Nacholis 7-8-0 A McGione	- (
320	(10)		TALATRIATRI 11 (V,D,F,G) (Mrs C Rawson) C Dayer 4-8-0 J Quinn	i
321	(5)	000312	EMBANICAENT 15 (D,F,S) (Lady Tenners) R Henrico 6-7-13 . S Sanders	-1
\$33	(21)	005456	ROW'S SECRET 11 (D.F.S) (R Davey) J Payne 4-7-12 G Berdunil	
323	(22)		CONFRONTER 11 (D.G.S) (Hadded Ltd) 5 Day 7-7-12 C Rutter	1
334	[25]		MASTER BEVELED 15 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs E Williams) P Evans 6-7-11 J F Egan	
33	(20)		MHRIZ 35 (F) (Normandy Developments) R Alahurd 4-7-10 Martin Dwyer (5)	
37	മ്പ	124152	PRESENT SITUATION 25 (O,F) (C Hoom) Land Hunorigidan 5-7-10 Iona Wands (7)	

SETTING: 9-1 Sty Dome. 10-1 Adminis Fierre, 12-1 Son's Resum. 14-1 Hat's Pal. Rebel County, Mo-Addeb Erson, 16-1 colors

1995: MO-ADDAB 5-8-13 M Roberts (25-1) A Sievari 19 ran ENDM COCKE

FORM FOCUS				
AMRAK AJEEB best Fahrm 141 m handkrap at Yoff 17m 27 85yd, good) on pandlimate start HAL'S PAL 38yl 65m at 14 to Decerated Hero m handkrap at Doncezies (1m. good to firm) SKY DOME best PRESENT STILATION (65b sorse off) head in handkrap at Goodwood 17m, good) with SUE'S RETURN (11b better off) 11yl 3id, MASTER BEV- ELED 18th better off) 11yl 3id, CONFRONTER (77b better off) 9yl 9th SERENDERTY (45b better off) 11 18th, ZAJKO (71b better off) neck 11th.	MHRIZ (5b) better oft) 1/1 12th and ALITUMN COVER 7/1 3th MOSCOW MIST beat Mistale short-head in handical of Goodwood (1m, good to lam), with SUE'S RETURN (2b) beater oft) 2/4 5th SERENDIPTY about 4/4 5th of 17 to Ciffox For in handical a Domester 1/1 to 15 old; good to firm; with MASTER BEVELED (2b) better oft; 1/4 1/4 MO-ADDAB 1/4 2nd of 16 to Artful Dane in bandical at Reviewy (1m, good to firm) selection: HAL'S PAL			
3.50 FILLES MILE	BBC2			

	3.	50		S MILE	BBC2	÷
ļ	(Gro	to it	2-Y-0: E	'91,840: 1m md) (8 runners)		
ı	401	(4)	163		W.R. Swydiss	91
ı	400	(5)	151		R Hills	88
ı	463	04		LOGIC 10 (W Gredley) C Billiam 8-10	i. Detton	83
ı	404	(3)	430	MRS MINEVER 17 (L Hanley) P Additionary 8-10	M Roberts	71
ı	495	(4)		OVATION 28 (BF,F) (HRH. Prince Fand Salman) P Cole 8-10 .	T Chuman	84
ł	496	(2)	211	REAMS OF VERSE 1? (D.F.S) (N Abdulla) H Cecil 5-10	M J Kinane	96
١	407	Ø	111	RED CAMPLUA 35 (F.G) (Cheeley Park Stud) M Prescool 8-10	G Duthold	\mathbb{N}
١	434	(III	1	SLEEPYTTIME 11 (F) (Greenbay Stables Ltd) H Cetel 8-10	Pai Eddery	90
l	BETTI	16. 11	-10 Sletpy	ime, 11-4 Red Camellin, 3-1 Reams Of Verse, 8-1 Khassah, 12-1	Gratel, 26-1 othe	H:
١			1	995: BOSRA SHAM B-10 Pat Eddary (10-11 fev) H Capil 6 ram		

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IN BRIEF

End of the towpath for Searle brothers

DAVID TANNER, a month into his new job as Britain's international rowing manag-er, has learnt that the Searle brothers. Greg and Jonny. gold medal-winners in a pair in Barcelona in 1992 and bronze medal-winners in a four in Atlanta this year, are

to part company.

Greg will try his hand at international sculling while Jonny is to concentrate on his legal career. Steve Gunn, the Searles' coach, is to work in New Zealand from next

Bugno's stage

Cycling: Gianni Bugno, of Italy, won the twentieth stage of the Tour of Spain yester-day. His uphill attack towards the end of the 204-kilometre stage gave him victory by six seconds from Tony Rominger, of Switzerland Alex Zulle, the overall leader, starts the 44km time-trial at Segovia today with 4min 22sec in hand and should secure victory in Madrid tomorrow.

Last chance

Football: The England women's team must overturn a 2-1 deficit against Spain at Prenton Park tomorrow to reach the European championship finals next summer. The match is effectively a last chance for the old guard of Debbie Bampton, Gillan Coultard, Hope Powell and Kerry Davis.

Caddick stays

Cricket: Andy Caddick, the England fast bowler, is to sign a new contract with Somerset after accepting an improved offer to stay with the county. The move ends speculation linking him with Glamorgan, Hampshire and Sussex.

Smith through

Tennis: Samantha Smith, 24, the British No 3, reached the semi-finals of the Challenger event in Limoges yesterday by beating Sandra Kleinova of the Czech Republic, 6-2, 3-6, 7-5. GOLF: MONTGOMERIE FORCED TO DIG DEEP AS PAYNE AND ROCCA SET PACE

Scot finds fortitude to survive on merit

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

COLIN MONTGOMERIE demonstrated why he is one of the world's best golfers in the second round of the Smurfit European Open yesterday af-ternoon. At the K Club, southwest of Dublin, when he experienced the full force of the rain and wind, the big Scot faced one of those moments when his fortitude was tested to the full. When he fell to five over par with four holes to play, he had to decide: do I

fight or do I flee? He could have thrown in the towel, puzzled at the way that his putts would not drop and

Sandrine Mendiburu, of France, leads the field at the halfway stage of the German Open in Hamburg after a second successive 69. four under par, yesterday. Rachel Hetherington, of Australia, and Marie-Laure de Lorenzi, of France, are a shot behind with Dale Reid, of Great Britain, on 140 after a second round 72.

unaccustomed to having the highest score in his threesome, seven strokes worse at that point than Paul Broadhurst, who would finish with a 65 that equalled the course record. Montgomerie is in the middle of a run of ten successive tournaments and at that moment the appeal of a flight from Dublin back to his home in Surrey for an unex-pected couple of days off must have been considerable.

Instead, Montgomerie responded admirably by mak-ing birdie at two of his last four holes for a 74. This was good enough to ensure that he plays four rounds of this tournament even though, at three over par, he is ten strokes behind the joint leaders., Jim Payne, the Englishman who won a tournament

in Italy at the beginning of May, and Costantino Rocca, the Italian who won a tournament in England at the end of May. Rocca, 70 yesterday, and Payne, 69, are both seven under par.

"My motivation was Ian Woosnam," Montgomerie said as he reflected on his Houdini-like escape from the halfway cut that would have presented Woosnam with a chance of closing the financial gap between them at the top of the order of merit. Woosnam moved one stroke ahead of Montgomerie after a 72.

"I will say this," Montgomerie went on. "Whether I win this year or not I will not pursue the order of merit next year. Four in a row is quite enough for myself, my wife, my caddie and my children. They have all been under pressure. I will not chase it so hard. I will set my schedule and stick to it."

So much for the main agenda in this tournament. One hidden agenda was to follow the fortunes of several lesser lights as they struggled to win the £48,000 thought to be necessary this season to keep them among the leading 115 players and ensure their presence at tournaments as often as they wanted in 1997.

One such is Stephen McAllister, a regular on the European Tour for nearly ten years, McAllister lies 114th in the order of merit and needs every penny that he can get to boost the £43,000 that he has amassed. Having missed the cut by one stroke at Loch Lomond last week, a 76, four over par, was a bad start here, and the pressure was on him to play well yesterday and give himself a chance of a decent payday tomorrow. His pulse was racing as he faced a threefoot putt for a 71.

To his relief, he made it, and

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Rocca shows his exasperation after missing a birdie putt at the 16th yesterday

owlish features. "The tough part is trying not to make mistakes and let the swing flow at the same time. McAllister said. Niclas Fasth, who needs £20,000 to secure his card, found it even harder than McAllister. His 76 was ten strokes worse than his first

Michael McLean has won £8,000 less than McAllister, thus the strain on him was greater. McLean was level par with three holes remaining when the pressure hit king. a smile broke, put over his with the force of a punch to the e goes."

solar plexus. He took a six on the par-four 16th, bounced back with a birdie two on the 17th only to throw away another shot on the last.

"I am not so worried for myself." McLean, 33, said. "It's the youngsters I feel for. If I have to go back to the qualifying school, I will; and, if I mess up there, maybe a year out won't be a bad thing. It's your confidence that suffers. I have been playing all right, but, when you don't get the results, your confidence

DUBLIN DETAILS

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ATHLETICS

McColgan aiming to seize half-chance

LIZ McCOLGAN will try to provide Great Britain with its first global title of the year tomorrow, now that she has recovered from the insect bite that blighted her Olympic Games challenge (David Powell writes). The British Athletic Federation (BAF), though, is

still feeling its summer sting. The BAF council meets today to consider a second successive year of financial losses. The bleak position will be put to the council in Birmingham at the end of a summer in which British attendance figures were low and the entertainment value of BAF meetings poor.

The ITV contract is at an end and it is understood that it has offered coverage next year only if the rights are provided free. On the BAF agenda today is "the future funding of British athletics", with Britain facing reductions in the size of teams that it sends to international championships and the fees that it pays its athletes for domestic appearances. The federation is looking at alternatives to the way that it organises and promotes its meetings and will reduce the number that it stages.

The half-marathon world championships in Palma, Majorca, tomorrow are the last in the international Amateur Athletic Federation 1996 world series. McColgan, seeking to regain the title that she won in 1992, finished sixteenth in the Olympic marathon after an insect bite infected her blood. Two weeks ago, she won the Great North Run half-marathon in 70min 28sec and her most likely challenger tomorrow is Zola Pieterse, who won

the South African title. The quality of the entry in Palma hardly merits a world title, but British athletics, in its present state, will be grateful if McColgan wins.

The race is on to discover • meaning of life

A MARATHON took place in the town of Rugby. After it had ended, it was time to consider the important questions that it raised. What, in short, does it all mean?

"Shri Ramesh Mehta of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Mumbai, in India, and a very dynamic personality himself and the Chief Dignitary, explained that sport has always been central to the Hindu Way of Life. Lord Hanuman, God of Sports, performed superhuman tasks in his life while serving the premier incarna-tion of God of Hindus, Lord Rama, with humility and devotion. Lord Hanuman is an example for all sportsmen of today to show how to serve society without selfish

Stirring stuff from a report that landed on my desk, filled with details of the Hindu Marathon (in fact a halfmarathon, but Hanuman is not a character to be associated with half-measures). The women's event was won by Miss L Leelamma, who, running barefoot, finished in thr 18min, despite having only had 36 hours in which to acclimatise herself from the 3SC temperatures of her home. John Kipyator, of Kenya, won the men's event.

There is a tale of Hanuman, the monkey god, in which Rama asks him to fetch a certain plant from a mountain. Hanuman, arriving at the mountain, was unsure which plant to collect. So he brought Rama the whole

Is this a story that gets to the very heart of sport? Greetings from this column to the organisers and paricipants of the event, "the marathon for peace and unity".

Driving ambition

You know that moment when you look out of the car window and see the suffering face above the luminous lycra, and you say: "Well, old chap, I do rather think you have taken the wrong option. Cy-cling doesn't really look like a great deal of fun."?

Well, Greg LeMond agrees. The three-times winner of the Tour de France, from the United States, has gone over to motor racing. He will drive in the American Formula Ford 2000 Pro Series.

"I missed that action," he said. "I'm a racer. I don't care for the training in bike racing. I don't miss that; but you don't need to do that kind of training to race a car.".

The series is part of the ladder that leads to IndyCar racing. "It's too soon to be thinking about anything like that," LeMond said. "I don't know where my potential is. I just know I'm pretty hooked on the sport."

Wild dreams, one suspects. Can anyone think of an elite athlete whose second sporting career has actually worked





SIMON BARNES

On Saturday

Final score?

Time for an update on José Luis Chilavert, goalie and friend of this column, who was banned from playing footie for 13 months by a court in Argentina as retribution, so some would believe, for scoring a goal from a free kick as Paraguay drew I-l with Argentina in a World Cup qualilier. He now plans to leave Argentina, because he lears being attacked.
"It hurts a lot of people that

a Paraguayan can be as popular as me," he said. "They think we should just be an building sites or cleaning houses." Chilavert has been sold by his Argentinian club, Velez Sarsfield, for \$3.8 million [about £2.5 million] - not to another club, but to his agent, Michel Basilevich. The ban applies only to Argentina Chilavert is free to play anywhere else. He has scored four goals for his club this year, two from penalties, two from free kicks. Can it be long

before Chelsea make an offeri Brief encounter

You are probably familiar with the American joke about Joseph Lipshitz, who changed his name - to Frank Lipshitz The venerable Joe Robbie Stadium in Miami has undergone two name changes of late. After the death of Robbie. the man for whom the stadium was named, the place was taken over by the Pro Player corporation and the name changed to Pro Player Park.

This sounds all right, unless you happen to know, as all America does, that Pro Player is a brand of underwear Robbie family were appalled that the name was changed at all, and were especially upset at having Joe's baby named after a pair of drawers. So Pro Player backed down. The place is henceforth to be known as Pro Player Stadium.

Ends in tears

And now a grim one, about the Argentine footballer, Claudio Canniggia, perhaps the wear-er of the longest hair in international football history. His mother, Nelida Tomasa Iglesias, has committed suicide by throwing herself from the fifth floor of a building.

Canniggia is now with Boca Juniors. Like Diego, he has had problems with drugs, but the people of Buenos Aires are inclined to blame his wife, the former model Mariana Nannis, for family troubles that led to the suicide.

Mariana has said of her inlaws: "They think Versace is a dish." Some would consider this a compliment, though she clearly meant it to sting. She is obviously a person of Philip Larkin's persuasion, adding: "I taught him everything. No one has done my husband more harm than my in-laws."

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

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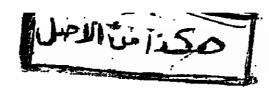
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Big spenders seek something that money cannot buy

o suggest that the desti-ny of the second-division title will be settled by the game today between Richmond and Newcastle, and the return fixture later in the season, would be hugely disrespectful to Coventry (who have already taken a point off Richmond), London Scottish, Blackheath, Wakeand off the field - when they field, Bedford - or any side which believes that it can train, how they conduct themexert an influence at the top of selves — but you cannot the table, but the game obvicreate a successful team with ously attracts great attention a contract

and I welcome that. It is exciting for the players; it helps in their development to feel that the spotlight is on them. These are two clubs who, in the new professional world, have been among the biggest spenders and are

desperate to justify their outlay by winning promotion. What this game may also examine is which of us is closer to establishing that intangible element which no money can buy, team spirit. The piece of paper that the players signed, which will pay their mortgage, has creat-ed new responsibilities on

Richmond may have the glamorous names among the forwards in Ben Clarke, Brian Moore and the Newcastie, we believe that everyone throughout the side knows that he has a contribution to make. That process began with our pre-season tour to South Africa and has been sustained through our three league games so far.

Of course, several key in gredients came together last season — Gary Armstrong, Tony Underwood and Doddie Weir for example. Gary is back to his old form: he is fit, enjoying his rugby and knows where the line is - he has already scored seven tries and is a threat to any defence, as we recognised when I was playing for England and he for Scotland

However, there have been some influential newcomers. I doubt if there is a better ballhandling prop in the country than George Graham, and he is very quick over the ground,

ROB ANDREW



while Ross Nesdale gives us that typical New Zealand approach to the game. He understudied Sean Fitzpatrick in Auckland for four years, and captained the provexcellent rugby brain and instinctively knows the right thing to do.

At the same time, we are all enjoying the more liberated approach to rugby. It has partly to do with professionalism, partly the new laws and partly the influence of the players, mostly from overseas, who have come into the English game. There are new grounds to visit, more spectators, a refreshing novelty to the game which is reflected in the way sides are playing.

That was why I was so disappointed after our first league game, against Water-loo, when there were 57 scrums and the referee never allowed the game to develop continuity. That was no use to not the spectators. The top referees talk to players, they coax the ball out of rucks without blowing the whistle, and the more that happens the better the game will be. We made progress against

Nottingham where, though

we scored 74 points, we leaked 29, so to beat Blackheath by 61 points without reply was pleasing. The laws now allow sides to keep the ball for prolonged periods so defences have to be very tightly organised and I felt against Blackheath that we achieved that.

The Newcastle players themselves have taken to the professional era well. Several have an affinity with the North East anyway - Garath

Archer and Andy Blyth, fo Nick Popplewell, have become quickly recognised within the local community. Most of them are sensible enough to organise their spare time properly, too, looking for other qualifications which will make them better equipped for life after their professional sporting careers

TIE OVET. Today, though, the future holds only our meeting with Richmond. The players know the game's significance, but I have told them that this is not a two-horse race. It is only one game in a long season and already we have seen sides dropping points unexpected ly. I hope it is not to be our

HOCKEY

National service takes toll on clubs

ENGLISH clubs opening their campaign in the premier division of the National League tomorrow will have to do without Welsh and Scottish players involved in the World Cup qualifying tournament in

Cannock, the champions last year, are missing Edwards. Hughes-Rowlands, Organ and Ashcroft, the goalkeeper, for their home match against Havant. On top of that, both their manager, Martin Gilbody, and coach, Malcolm Wood, are un-

Craig Parnham, who recently joined Cannock from Stourport, is likely to fill in for Edwards at full back and with Crutchley, Mayer and Pidcock able to play, Cannock should have few problems up front. The young Havant side, which includes Jackson, from the England Under-21 squad is without Giles.

Brett Garrard, who recently oined Guildford from Surbi ton, is a doubtful starter for the home game against Barford Tigers. Guildford will miss two Welsh players -Markham, at forward, and Priday, the goalkeeper, who will be replaced by Johnston, from the Army.

East Grinstead, the recent winners of the Hampstead and Westminster Challenge Cup, have plenty of talent to call on for their home match against Southgate, including three newcomers in Bell, the former Oxford University captain, at full back, the half back, Hamilton, from Firebrands Oxford Hawks.

The injured Soma Singh is unlikely to play for Southgate, whose squad includes Gibbins, from Teddington, and Davis, formerly of St Albans. Duthie has rejoined Southgate from Surbiton as player-coach.

Old Loughtonians take on Hounslow at Chigwell without the Scotland trio of Seaton, Raiph and Hector. Hounslow players, including Thompson and Hazlitt, but have found cher and Zak Jones, both from Bournville.

In the first division. Beeston are at full strength for the visit to Indian Gymkhana, and Doncaster, one of the more fancied teams in this division. play St Albans.

Over the past week several under-21 players have been registered with premier division clubs. Their aim is to earn selection for the Junior World Cup at Milton Keynes next

RUGBY UNION

Richmond certain off-field winners in clash of the cash

LABEL the second division game at Richmond Athletic Ground today what you will clash of the cash or, more prosaically, Ben (Clarke) v Rob (Andrew) — but the game between Richmond and Newcastle has more than just league status hanging on it.

There will be 16 international players on the field, some of whom entertain justifiable hopes of representing the British Isles in South Africa next summer. The interest in the game is considerable and Richmond's capacity will be strained to the limits, creating just the kind of ambience that Ashley Levett was looking for when he invested his millions

ampton and Harlequins can aggregate only 15 capped players at Franklin's Gardens. though, if you were to include Gary Connolly's rugby league honours, that might tilt the scales. That is where lan McLieechan. The coach to t brief as possible.

the prospects of internationals," McGeechan said. "We will be watching a lot of games outside the internationals, to build up as full an information dossier on all the players as possible. Some of those players won't be playing first-

McGeechan remains optimistic that the home unions will allow him to take more than 30 players, which would allow him to rest properly those coming out of a long and demanding domestic season. Australia plan to bring 32 to Great Britain and Ireland, if the number of internationals is confirmed at five. That saga, however, has taken vet another turn with the Australian Rugby Union pouring scorn on a suggestion by the home unions that they play a

midweek international with England on December 3 or 4. The Rugby Football Union (RFU) has enough on its hands aiready. Yesterday it repealed the 180-day playerregistration requirement. though players contracted to overseas unions must still serve that residential qualification period. The RFU has also decided that no more than two players from outside Europe may be fielded in a

Meanwhile, a Lions tour, which Clarke, Andrew, Tony Underwood, Nick Popplewell and Brian Moore have already experienced, will seem a long way off today. Newcastle lead the second division, from which there is only one certain promotion place, while Richmond regret the loss of a point in the opening, drawn, game with Coventry.

Their only change from the XV that beat Bedford, another wealthy club, introduces Adam Vander to the flank ahead of Luc Jones, though, if Tom Whitford fails a fitness test, there will be a league debut for Allan Bateman, the former Wales centre. Newcastle restore Ross Nesdale at hooker ahead of Neil

Among the elite of the first division, Harlequins introduce Robbie, the younger Paul brother, on the wing against Northampton, where he will oppose Nick Beal. At the other end of the table, Orrell host the clash of the Tuigamala brothers at Edge Hall Road. Va'aiga, the older and better known, appears for Wasps and family accord will be laid aside by Orrell's Lua, a more refined version of the rumbustious former All Black.

Martin Corry, the Bristol captain and England A flanker, went into hospital last night for an operation to repair a damaged cartilage. Robert Jones, the former Wales scrum halt, tak the club captaincy against Sale today.

The tug-of-war over France Botica, though, will not go away. Botica was named in the Orrell and Llanelli teams for the weekend, but it may be significant that the Welsh club has withdrawn him from the side to play Pontypridd. The dispute is in the hands of the Orrell solicitors and, until agreement is reached. Botica will not be able to complete his move south.



Gibbs could be back in the centre for Wales, adding to his 20 international caps, against Italy in Rome next month

Injuries prompt return to fold for Gibbs

SCOTT GIBBS, capped 20 times by Wales before leaving two years ago to play rugby league, is on the verge of becoming the first of the Welsh prodigals to return to international rugby union. He was named yesterday in the squad that will travel to Rome for the game against Italy on October 5.

Weish plans to announce their match XV have been scuppered, however, by injurles received during the 40-33

defeat by France in Cardiff on added to the squad and could ing for our bubble to burst," Nigel Davies will be missing and Steve Williams, the Neath No 8, is doubtful, while Jonathan Humphreys and Hemi Taylor must show that they have recovered from the injuries that kept them out against

France. There is an opportunity for someone to get into the national side," Gibbs, the Swansea centre, said, referring to the injured Davies, though he will be aware that Dafydd James, of Bridgend, has been

with Gareth Thomas, his club colleague.

"It has been a fairly arduous month for me," Gibbs said. "At the moment I'm struggling to get back into it, especially with the way we are trying to play at Swansea. I've had only six games so far and I need more under my belt." Swansea play Treorchy in the league today, surrendering pride of place to Bridgend, the leaders, who visit Cardiff.

Andrew Lewis, the Wales prop, at hooker, but restore Hill, Leigh Davies and Howley in the backs. WALES SCHAD: W Proctor (Lienell), S His (Cardill), D Jernés (Bridgend), G Thomas (Bridgend), L Devies (Cardill), S Gibte (Bannasa), N Jenidons (Pontypridd), A Thomas (Swensea), R Howley (Cardill), P John (Pontypridd), C Loader (Swensea), J Humphreys (Cardill), S John (Lienell), J Humphreys (Cardill), B Williams (Neith), M Voyle (Lienell), G Lienellyn (Herlaculan), H Taylor (Cardill), K Jones (Ebbw Vals), M Williams (Pontyprido), B Williams (Neith),

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DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division King's Lynn v Helseowen; Nunesion v Gravesend and Northfleet, Midland division

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LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor y Briton Feny; Caerseys y Cernese Bay, Cammarthen y Rhy, C0, Connah's Quay y Cembrant Conwy y Aberystwyft; Holywell y Newtown; ther Cable-Tel y Liansendiraid; Portmandog y Ebbw Vale: Ton Perine y Fint; Walshpool y Barry (2.30).

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RUGBY LEAGUE TOUR MATCH: York President's XIII v Australiam Aborigines (at York, 3 0) ACADEMY CUP: First: Cestedord v St Helene (at Spottland, Rochdale, 3.30). Plane: Final: Oldfarm v Wakefield (at Spotland,

HOCKEY MATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Cannock v Havent (at Morts Ground, 2.30), East Gensseed'v Southgate (at Saira Hil, 2.0), Guildord v Berbort Tigers (at King's Menor School, 12.0); Clid Loughtonans v Hounsbow (at Chiguell, 1.30); Reading v Contantury (at Sonning Lene, 2.0); Teckington v Subtion (at Dute's Meedlow, Chiewick, 12.0). First olyision: Hull v Harleston Maggies (at Hull University, 2.0); Indian Gymithens v Beeston (at Thombury Avenue, Isleworth, 2.30); Isca v Busharts (at Eester School, 1.30); Lewes v Bourmité (et Southouwn Cub., 1.30); Oderod Hawles v Bromley (at Benbury Road, 2.0); Oriont University v Brooklands (et St. Schward's School, 2.0); Sheffield v City of Portemouth (et Abbeydale Park, 2.0); St. Albans v Doncaster (at Clareno Park, 2.0); St. Soutport v Edglosston (at Kidderminster School, 2.30); Trojans v Frabfends (et Stonehem Lane, 12.30); Warrington v Gloucester City (at Parliati County HS, 12.30); Premier division; Balsem Lelcaster v Citton; Hightown v Isouch; Sutton v Doncaster, Trojans v Stough, First division; Busharts v Bracknet; Frestland Settentianh v Ottan, Chemiston v Wimbledon.

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GOUP: Smurfit Elacquian Open (in Dikblin) ICE HOCKEY: Benson and Hadges Cup: Quarter-final, first leg: Manchester v Ayr (6.0).

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SOUTHERN ANATEIN LEAGUE Cloud-Fird v O Esthemelane; NatWest v Carshellon; O Permiterisers v Norserran; W Micham v S Benk; CMI Service v Polytechnic; E Barnet OG v D Accontents, Lendowy v O Esthemelane; O Salesters v Bendeys; Kew Assoc v O Lyorier; Alesandra Rk v O Sationess; Lloyds v Casso; O Perfulantens v Michand; Merion v Breeffisher; O Owens v Southgets Oty, O Westhanister Cla v Bank of England. SOUTHERN CLYMPIAN LEAGUE Smikorons; Alborien v Notberorough; Heis End v Witz: O Finchelane v Southgets Co; Si Manya Col V Ulyesse; Wendeworth v Pantideld. Senior two: City of London v Ealing Assoc; Mill Hill V v Hackey; O Carmenaters v Hon Artisey Co; O Woodhouselans v V Hon Artisey Co; O Woodhouselans v V Hon Artisey Co; O Woodhouselans v V Hon V Hampsteed Heathers; O Bealoniane v O Participane.

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v Poynton; Cheedle Hulme v Stockport.
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championships (Brands Hatch) MOTORCYCLING: British, superbiles championships (Brands Hatch)
SNOOKER: Regal Messers (at Mothenwell)
SPEEDWAY: Speedway Star Cup: Semi-final, second leg: Bradiond (37) v Wolver-hampion (58) (7.0). Premier League: Bradford v Long Eston (8.30); Covertry v London (7.30), Swindon v Poole (7.30).
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(24) Peterborough v Wycombe

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 Braddord PA; Geinstonough v Bridgnorth;
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NORTHERN COUNTRES EAST LEAGUE: France division: Bedosham v Canterbury; Cheshem v Follestone Inv. Thamesmeed v Whitstable.

SALLING: Start of BT Global Challenge (Southampton).
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BENSON AND HEDGES CUP. Quarter-finale, first leg: Nottinghem v Cardiff (7.0); Shaffeld v Newcastle (7.0); Besingstoke v Brackmil (6.40)

THE TIMES GUIDE TO THE PREMIERSHIP THIS WEEKEND

ARSENAL

Pat Rice, the caretaker manager, consoled himself after Arsenal's Uefa Cup defeat in Cologne by reflecting that if they beat Sunderland today, they could go top of the Premiership. The best news for Arsenal, the recovery of Tony Adams aside, is Paul Merson's well-deserved recall by

England. He should have more chances to run at Sunderland's defence than he had in Cologne. The suspect defence seems good enough for Premiership games, if not in



The growing influence of Igor Stimac has become apparent F this week. On Tuesday he replaced Robbie van der Laan

as club captain, only to miss the Coca-Cola Cup game against Luton through a back problem 24 hours later. Whether Derby would have avoided aggregate defeat by the Nationwide League second-division side had Stimac played is debatable, but Jim Smith, the manager, said: "We have become used to him rescuing us at the back." He should return today.

ASTON VILLA

Nigel Kennedy, the spiky haired musician and claretand-blue fanatic, has revealed another string on his bow. On Villa's fruitless Uefa Cup trip to Helsingborg in midweek, he turned out for the English press against the Swedish press. He fiddled about wide on the right. complementing the ambling skills of Trevor Brooking and he helped the brave Brits to recover from 3-1 down to triumph 7-3. Pity that poor Villa were unable to complete the win double. Cue violins . . .

EVERTON

The pressure mounts for Joe Royle and Everton. After their embarrassing defeat at York on Tuesday, the game with Shef-

field Wednesday today is suddenly a very important one. Everton will have to search for their first win since the opening day without their two main strikers. Ferguson and Rideout, but they hope to have Short and Ebbrell back. "This is not the time to panic." Royle said this week. Cancellation of their day off signalled intent, but a defeat today could test the fans' patience. PB

BLACKBURN ROVERS

Blackburn still don't have

many points, but their selfbelief is returning. The visit to Coventry today is, according to Ray Harford, the manager, a game in which his side must translate confidence into results. It seems a strange assertion, but Harford believes he is not far short of a very good side. And he received support on that from an unlikely source this week. Kenny Dalglish believes Harford will get it right. They need goals, and Gallacher will partner Sutton in search of them.

LEEDS UNITED

George Graham has named a 21-man Leeds squad for today's game, one of the largest in Leeds's history. Among them is Wesley Boyle, who may come in for a full debut as both Hateley and Rush

await fitness tests this morning. Graham, though, has been off watching European talent this week. He may find his solution nearer home, with Tomas Brolin making noises about returning - but if he was unable to satisfy Wilkinson, he is likely to find Graham a harder taskmaster. PB

CHELSEA

Roberto Di Matteo and

Gianluca Vialli must be glad they are not still playing in Italy. An Italian club president would have fined his players after two such dreadful performances. And the defence, in which Leboeuf had seemed so coolly dominant, is now in pieces, whether it plays with three at the back or four. Ruud Gullit, his presence on the field so badly needed, can only look on and hope. One more

LEICESTER CITY

Martin O'Neill, the manager

display like the last two and Chelsea's fans

will start voting with their feet.

has had his problems with Jamie Lawrence but the latest warrants a pat on the back rather than disciplinary action. Does he introduce the winger against Leeds this afternoon after his performance in the Coca-Cola Cup against Scarborough, which ended when he was stretchered off with concussion after scoring? "Sometimes he disappears, and comes up with the most amazing excuses, but I have been very pleased with him lately," O'Neill said. RH

COVENTRY CITY

Dion Dublin, the Coventry forward. may have inadvertently discovered a new role during the tempestuous Coca-

Cola Cup victory over Birmingham on Tuesday. Dublin switched to centre back after Liam Daish had been sent off, for the second time this season, in the 76th minute. He was so successful in repelling the late Brummie charge that Gary McAllister, his captain, suggested that Ron Atkinson should consider offering him a permanent

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LIVERPOOL

Injuries have prevented Roy L.E.PON Evans from even naming a squad for the match at West Ham tomorrow, but one thing is certain. Mark Wright is out for six weeks with a depressed fracture of the cheekbone. It is a chance for Neil Ruddock, the expensive centre half who has been the subject of much speculation over an impending departure. But a recall does not necessarily mean he will be staying -Newcastle, Middlesbrough and Tottenham will monitor his progress

MANCHESTER UNITED

Some tabloid papers reported that Andy Cole will be knocking at Alex Ferguson's door after Ole Gunnar Solskjaer was preferred to him on Wednesday. The reports were premature: Ferguson is not yet convinced that Cole is fit for 90 minutes, but Cole could be the loser, with Solskjaer's emergence. A week ago Ferguson gave both players 45 minutes: that could be the answer tomorrow, too, except that "I've got to consider Cruyff in the equation this

week." Ferguson said.

MIDDLESBROUGH

After scoring on his first-team debut at Hereford on Wednes-day, Mikkel Beck hopes to start meainst Southampton at The Dell. "I do not see Fabrizio Ravanelli as a rival but a partner," the Denmark international forward said. With seven of Bryan Robson's usual first-choice selections requiring late fitness tests. Beck may well get his wish but Robson's real dilemma centres on Middlesbrough's five-man defence, which has consistently betrayed Ravanelli, Juninho and Co this season. LT

NEWCASTLE UNITED Keith Gillespie should get

another chance to stake a firstteam place - but he's not betting on it. The Northern Ireland winger claims he has beaten his gambling addiction, and now wants a regular berth on the right wing to close the book on a sorry episode in his career. "I do not gamble any more," he said. "Now, if I could get myself back into the first team, it would prove I am fully through that period." Ginola is still injured, but Beards-ley could return in place of Asprilla. .DM

NOTTINGHAM FOREST

With no takers at what manager Frank Clark considers a fair price, transfer-listed Jason Lee is pressing his claims on an improved contract at the City Ground. He helped his cause with the goal against Wycombe that kept Forest in the Coca-Cola Cup on Wednesday, but, though modelling a bald pate rather than pineapple locks, he knows he will continue to be the subject of derision. "Whatever I do I will get stick, whether it is for my hair or something else."



SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY Not a good week for David the manager. He watched Ajax play Grasshopper, of Zurich, on a scouting

mission in Europe, but failed to produce the two new signings he admits he needs to keep his side at the right end of the table. Then he was the subject of an invidious and cowardly attack from Jan Wright, the Arsenal forward. Pleat, rightly, does not wish to dignify such puerile comments with a response, but the FA are looking for one from Wright

SUNDERLAND

Lee Howey, brother of the Newcastle United defender, is expected to follow in his sibling's footsteps when he makes

a Premiership debut at centre half against Arsenal today. While Howey replaces the suspended Richard Ord, Michael Bridges. a teenage forward who has been scoring freely in the reserves, vies with Craig Russell for the role of replacing Niall Quinn, the former Arsenal forward, who is out for a month with knee ligament

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Selectively-used statistics can be unreliable, but these ones very carefully selected - might

cheer Graeme Souness up as he contemplates seven Premiership games without a victory. At this stage of last season, Southampton had only three points more, from a win over Newcastle. Both of this season's draws are improvements on the equivalent games last year and Neil Shipperley, with no goals so far, did not find the net until the end of October last season, yet still finished joint-top scorer.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

Not much change at White Hart Lane, with injuries again dominating the thoughts of Gerry Francis. So much so that he took off abroad, seeking replacements. Anderton has conceded defeat and will undergo a hernia operation on Tuesday, and Armstrong's left ankle is still dodgy. At least Sheringham's thigh muscle appears to have healed and Tottenham did manage their first home win, by beating Preston. since March. Fortunately, they only have to

visit Old Trafford tomorrow.

WEST HAM UNITED

Slaven Bilic, acrused of greed and disloyalty over his contract demands, had a night his PR man could only have dreamt about against Barnet. As if agreeing a new

deal, scoring the winning goal and giving his man-of-the-match mountain bike to an ill youngster was not enough. Bilic got this tribute from Rio Ferdinand, team-mate and rival for the centre half position: "Slav's a genuine guy, always willing to help and advise. Not all the really good players are

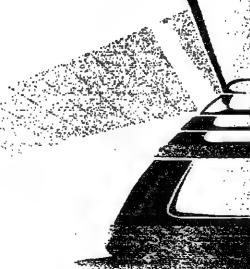


Although August was a cruel month for Wimbledon, with no points from three games, September has seen a total reversal of fortune, a run of five successive victories

coming to an end with a draw at Portsmouth on Wednesday. But all those wins were achieved in London: four at home, and one at West Ham. Now Derby County, at the distant Baseball Ground, stand between Joe Kinnear, who has Vinnie Jones available after suspension, and an unbeaten September.

WIMBLEDON

Reports: Brian Glanville, Peter Ball, Russell Kempson, Flichard Hobson, Louise Taylor, Nick Szczepanik,



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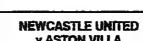
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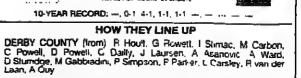
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Little to write home about for Premiership clubs

A man of mischief might deduce that the true standing of England's FA Carling Premiership lies somewhere between the minster of York and the southern Swedish port of Helsingborg, After a week heavy with European fallout (again), and with the familiar uprising of the lower classes in the Coca-Cola-Cup, I feel minded to pursue that mischief.

Let us begin with the brothers Little. Brian Little manages Aston Villa, who came home from their match against the part-timers of Helsingborgs IF with their tail between their legs. Alan Little. the manager of York City and two years the junior, celebrated for the second time in a year Coca-Cola Cup conquest of a rremiership club. Last year his team defeated a compliant Manchester United; on Tuesday they outplayed Everton.

through the game became very different after they started as Villa apprentices together, are in charge of clubs almost as far apart as the A to Z of professionalism can divide them in England. It is not just alphabetical, for, on the homeward journey after Aston Villa's depressing inability to score against Helsingborgs, Doug Ellis, the club chairman, apparently offered his manager the millions to buy a creative player, enough money to have paid York City's wage bill for the next six to seven

Joe Royle, the manager of Everton, admitted, after York had beaten Everton 3-2, that he did not know what Everton's problem is. One thing that struck observers was that, far from not putting in the effort. Everton were trying might and main to avoid embarrassment in York. relishing the task of sending out players whose position. just above the relegation places in the Nationwide League second division, is perilous. Motivation, he said, was not one of his problems. Players at that level wait for the few chances in life to turn over the millionaires who visit them. The average pay for a York City player is £600 a week; that would not pay the tax of an Evertonian. Money, in a sense, is part of the reason that Premiership players become seduced by presump-

tions of superiority. Why not? Everyone keeps telling them that the Premiership is without peer, that they are the gods of the Continent In York, they were humbled by hungrier men, by the likes of Paul Stephenson.

He, a contemporary of Paul Gascoigne at Wallsend, aptogether at

ROB HUGHES



Weekend View

way. From Newcastle, he drifted down to Millwall, to Gillingham on loan, to Brentford. Yet, he can play and he had, when I first saw him as a schoolboy, a fair bag of tricks in terms of ball skills. They lurk, these "failed" players, in wait for the big time. sence after the Heysel tragedy. Isolation, the saying goes, blinded us to the develop-Far away, in Sweden, the lack of creativity, all the effort ments of the European game.

without vision to draw out

stubborn defenders, betrayed

the pretensions of Aston Villa.

Villa with astuteness, with

discipline, with desire. He has

bought well, he has galvanised and organised well, and, on

Tuesday, he had the excuse

that Sasa Curcic was ineligible

for the Uefa Cup; but is that excuse enough for the failings

of Mark Draper, Andy Townsend and the rest?

Sometimes, the whole in-volvement of English teams

abroad seems shrouded by

lame excuses. We heard, from

Cologne, where Arsenal fell to

Borussia Mönchengladbach

on Wednesday, just as we heard from Helsingborg, that tired, old reasoning about

English clubs being handi-

capped by the five-year ab-

Brian Little has managed

Nonsense. Those five years merely entrenched a myopia that the English game would easily heat all others. The long ball, though we are at last eschewing it, still has its misguided ramifications, not the least of which is this lack of imagination in midfield.

No wonder those men of Helsingborgs could resist Vil-la. Unfairly, the Swedes had been given a lot of time off from their jobs in the sawmills to prepare for the match.
Unfairly, the players from
York, enthused by opportunity, ran and ran until Everton were ragged.

In the meantime, at Old Trafford, Manchester United let rip against Rapid Vienna. It was page, it was power, but it was laced with skill. Manchester United have more

than 12 times the audience of York City, with £1 million taken at the gate whenever they play, and possess the greatest merchandising facory in football.

The £1.5 million that they speculated during the summer on Ole Gunnar Solskjaer seems to have purchased a real talent, combined with a desire similar to that of the men from York.

Solskjaer. 23. amazes Alex Ferguson, his purchaser, by his skill, his intuitive eye for goal, his refusal to be overawed in the company of such as Eric Cantona. Solskjaer. taught by Aage Hareide, who passed through Maine Road as a player, was told that he had the adaptability and the quality to cope in a much pigger league than the second division of Norway. He is bridging that gap between hope and experience, between wealth and self-delusion.

SNOOKER

Missing cue fails to put Parrott off his stride

By Phil Yates

JOHN PARROTT beat Ken Doherty 6-3 in a remarkable upset in the semi-finals of the Regal Scottish Masters in Motherwell yesterday, using a cue with which he had become acquainted only the day before.

Parrott, the 1991 world and United Kingdom champion, returned from the Asian Classic in Thailand and decided that essential repair work had to be carried out on the butt of his cue. He posted it, along with the case, to John Parris, a renowned London cuesmith, but it never reached its destination. "I have spoken to the Post Office and they just can't track it down," Parrott said, 'We think it must have been stolen, but obviously we can't

With the game having such a long history of embarrass-ingly heavy defeats for those coming to terms with lost or damaged cues, it was perfectly reasonable for the bookmakers to suspend betting on the outcome of the match. Indeed, many knowledgeable observers predicted 2

Even Parrott, who had the cue with which he won the world title stolen from his car five years ago, was pessimistic about his prospects before the contest. He played with a twopiece replica model made to his specifications by Parris. "It doesn't look like the old one and it feels dead," he said. "Anyway, it's extremely tough to get used to a new one at such short notice."

However, the key to Parrott's success against Doherty was an acceptance that his range of shots would be severely limited. Trying preclous little which even bordered on the ambitious, he recovered from the loss of the opening two frames and compiled breaks of 57, 58 and 56.

"I'm really proud of the way I competed out there," Parrott, without a match win in the Regal Masters since its inaugural year in 1989, said. "I'm usually packing my cases af this stage of this McManus or Stephen Hendry, the defending champion, in the semi-finals today.

Graham has eyes on developing friendlier image

t is the warmth in George Graham's eyes that immediately throws you. They should be demon eyes, surely, like those in the Conservative party poster, apparently revealing a hidden menace. Graham has, after all, been portrayed as football's Public Enemy No 1 — a dour, difficult Scot who committed the cardinal sin of getting caught.
The fact is, he is actually

rather a decent bloke. He is urbane, witty and intelligent company, and refreshingly honest with it. No trying to avoid difficult subjects, no glossing of failings. 🛴

It should not really come as too much of a surprise, of course, because, in football, image is everything except the truth. However, Graham helped to create his own monster, and eventually the creature devoured him. When, as manager of Arsenal, he was accused of taking "bungs", he had sufficient enemies for the

vicíous. He now accepts that, had he approached things differently at Arsenal, not least in the way that he dealt with the media, life would have easier. "When I came into management, l made up my mind that I would be single-

going to be media-friendly, and yes, I think some of the treatment I got at the end was vicious because of that; it was probably stored up," he said. We met at Elland Road.

minded, that I wasn't

because Graham is back, if anybody needed reminding. with Leeds United after a 12month ban from the game when the Football Association found him guilty of accepting payments from an

approach, too; a warmer reflection of his complex personality. He has thought about it long and hard, he says, and he does accept a need to change.
"I will try to do it a bit different, maybe be a bit more co-operative and less difficult,"

He is back with a different

It all begs the question, has George Graham changed? Perhaps it would be wrong to try to take too much from an

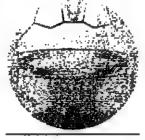
Forest put up for sale

in bid for new funds

By Richard Hobson

GEORGE GRAHAM

THE FACE OF FOOTBALL



By David Maddock

the assertion that the subject is trying to soften his image, but throughout his interview, was one of a man whose perception

He admits now that his passion and single-minded dedication to football has cost

doubt in my mind

experiences. There is just the

hint of regret, even as he says

that football has become his

"I do love football, passion-ately, and my personal life has

suffered badly through it," he

said. "I just love the job of

management, and, if you're

really, really at the top in any

profession, then something

suffers. It's very hard to get the

balance, because the job is

seven days a week, and tele-

vision money has merely add-

ed to the pressure by raising

lot of people think I'm arro-

gant, but I'm not bothered

because I know it's not true -

I'm friendly, actually. What I

do have is a belief in myself, a belief that, if I apply myself, then I will get it right. I am a

"I am single-minded, and a

expectation even higher.

endless stream of people him dear in terms of his lining up to say that he There was never any

that I would come back' in my mind that I would come back, I private life. A failed marriage, a split family, all painful

> all the stick. up to it and taken it like I always do. It is part of my Scottish upbringing, my men-tality. You know what, even always be people out to get me life? I'm back because I have to be, financially, and I want to be, because it it is my life. I am

forging ahead." ences of the past two years. He

winner, then you make enemies because we treat winners with suspicion. It's just a sad British trait that you don't get in other countries. When people criticise me for being obsessed with winning, they have to realise it's a competitive world. There is basic conflict at the heart of football, it is them versus

It is that belief, and strength of personality, that has allowed Graham to brazen out the intense and enduring debate that has raged around him since the ban. Graham has said that he no longer wants to talk about the "bungs" episode — he wants to move forward, not back.

Yet we talked about it because Graham, to his credit, did not hide from the issue. Has never hidden from it. There are no regrets, he says, because he has a career to get on with, and no amount of There was never a danger, either, of him not coming back, despite the seemingly

> should not. "I've had my time out, and now it's finished," he said. "There was never any doubt

knew I was good at this job, and I love doing it, so no amount of bile would stop me. I have got broad shoulders, and I have come through the past couple of years with my head held high. There was never a moment when I thought it wasn't worth taking

"I have not run, I've faced though I know that there will now, looking for me to slip. I feel sorry for them because is that all they can do with their

On the pitch, Graham will not be changing his style too much, even if his character is subtly altered by his experi-

has time for the wing back system, but believes that the old Arsenal 4-4-2 approach is still appropriate, given that the top European sides such as Juventus and AC Milan make

it work perfectly well. It would work for English clubs in Europe too, he says, if, like Arsenal in the Cup Winners' Cup, they get it right tactically. English clubs, he firmly believes, have the players to do well in Europe and will again if the discipline and tactics are right.

Graham will make it work at Leeds, because he has the talent and sheer bloody-minded commitment to make it work - and who are the selfrighteous cynics, despite their numbers, to stop him? He has served his time, and he now has the right to be back. He knows that, and he hopes that people, in time, will come to see it too.

Why shouldn't I come back, and be successful again?" he asked. "People should accept me for the person I am now, not what I was yesterday. We all learn, we all change, I have. People should look at me now and



Graham greets the media with a smile after his appointment at Leeds United was confirmed earlier this month

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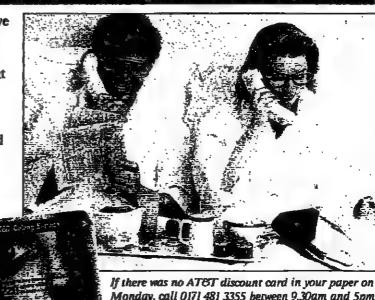
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Gullit determined to stir Chelsea revival

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

NOTTINGHAM Forest's directors have put the club up for sale in an attempt to generate fresh capital to help them to compete in the FA Carling Premiership. Fred Reacher, the chair-

man, said that a number of parties have already shown interest, and he is taking legal advice on the financial implications of the offers. While refusing to name any individuals or consortiums involved, he denied that a bid has been placed by the Conrad company, linked recently with Manchester United.

Forest is owned by 209 shareholders, who each hold a single 11 share. A sell-out would need the approval of 75 per cent of them. "We have started the ball rolling to help the club change hands and give us a better chance of future success," Reacher said. We have kept up with the likes of Manchester United and Liverpool in the past and

we want to do so again."

Joe Royle, the Everton man-

high-profile individuals to have attracted the attention of the Football Association's disciplinary authorities. Royle was yesterday

charged with bringing the game into disrepute after comments that he is alleged to have made to David Elleray, the referee, after the match against Blackburn Rovers last weekend. The match, at Ewood Park, ended 1-1, but Royle was furious after Duncan Ferguson, the Everton striker, was sent off in the final minutes of the match for "foul and abusive language". Royle has 14 days in which to respond.

Ron Atkinson, the Coventry City manager, and Gordon Strachan, his assistant, were also charged this week after incidents during the match

against Chelsea in August. Wright is to be asked for his observations after comments attributed to him in several newspapers yesterday. Wright is reported to have made an offensive personal attack on

CHELSEA'S start to the season promised great things. After a seven-match unbeaten run, in league and cup, even the most cynical west London observer was beginning to predict good times ahead for Ruud Gullit's cosmopolitan

Then, last Saturday, they were trounced 5-I by Liverpool at Anfield. Worse still, on Wednesday, they struggled to maintain a three-goal advantage against Blackpool, in the Coca-Cola Cup second round. and squeezed through only 5-4 on aggregate after losing the second leg 3-1 at Stamford

For Gullit, the player-manager, it is but a hiccup, a temporary lapse that is almost expected and that, most probably, will be rectified when they take on Nottingham Forest at home in the FA Carling Premiership today. It is something that is always going to happen during a season," he said yesterday. You don't know why, and you don't

ene it comes from.

"It is not a question of tactics. It is all about performance, attitude and concentration. Without those, you will always struggle. Maybe players sometimes think: 'I will give 60 per cent today and that will do the job," but it is not possible to be like that."

Chelsea are still beset by numerous long-term injuries, including Gullit, with Dennis Wise, Steve Clarke and Andy Myers also facing late tests to gauge their fitness for this afternoon. Yet Gullit has detected a mood swing in training, a change for the better.

"I got a good feeling," he said. "The players are aware of what happened, they are angry with themselves and they want to make it up to the supporters. We talked about it, what went wrong, and fingers were pointed. I think their sense of pride was dented." ☐ Tottenham Hotspur have taken Luca Luzardi, 26, the Italian defender, on a six-week trial. Brescia, his club, are asking for £600,000 before

Luzardi can play in the

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Hill sets new target with Arrows

BY OLIVER HOLT

THE only way was down for Damon Hill after it became clear that he would leave Williams at the end of the season, and last night he took the plunge. There were no halfmeasures, no halts on the way. Hill, who stands on the brink of a richlydeserved first world drivers' championship, will begin his attempt to claw his way back to the top of Formula One from close to the

Hill called a press conference at a hotel in West London yesterday afternoon to announce that he had rejected the earnest entreaties of his most ardent suitors, Jordan-Peugeot and Stewart-Ford, and had leapt, instead, into the grateful arms of TWR Arrows, a team that has not won any of the 287 grands prix that it has contested since its entry into the sport in 1978.

The decision was greeted by widespread surprise throughout the sport because, superficially at least, Arrows do not appear to offer the same prospects or the same element of romance that a move to either Jordan, with their Irish warmth and steady progress, or Stewart, with brought. Arrows have scored only one point this season and are ninth in the Constructors' championship.

The most obvious explanation for the move, of course, is financial. Hill refused to discuss the details of his contract, save to say that it was a one-year deal, but it is thought that he will be paid \$7 million [about E4.5 million) for his efforts, partly funded by the recruitment of his likely team-mate, Pedro Diniz, who is expected to bring \$12 million worth of sponsorship with him.

Hill's new salary represents a pay cut of less than \$1 million compared with his earnings with Williams, and is a fitting reward for his performances this season.

Hill and Michael Breen, his manager, though, unlike many of the driver's contemporaries, have never been blinded by offers of riches alone. The difference between the money offered by Arrows and by Jordan and Stewart is thought to have been relatively insignificant, and it seems that Hill was swayed by other considerations.

Most important, it appears that he was impressed by the reputation of Tom Walkinshaw, the Arrows'



Hill poses with the TWR Arrows car that he will drive in 1997

owner, a Scot with a formidable record of success in various forms of motor sport. Most recently, Walkinshaw provided the hard edge behind the razzmattazz of Benetton's successes with Michael Schumacher in 1994 and 1995. He ran the Ligier team for a year.

too, before he took control at

The feeling is that Walkinshaw is a man who always gets the job done. and a visit earlier this week to the team's state of the art factory in Leafield, near Witney, in Oxfordshire, appears to have convinced

Hill that his future lay there. "Tom is the archetypal racing man." Hill said, "the man I and others credit with turning around Benetton's fortunes and the successful head of an internationally recognised design, engineering and manufacturing group.
"He has offered me more than I

hoped for; a rewarding package and a great challenge to work in partnership with him to develop a winning Formula One team. Everything this man touches becomes a winner, so together we should be worth watching.

"It was not an easy decision to make, but Tom fulfilled just about every single criteria that I set out for myself: opportunities to make rapid progress, to get stuck into a testing programme and to drive with a real carrot at the end in the possibility of winning races.

"I will not make any claims about next season. It is going to be just the beginning, but it is the prospect of improving quickly that excites me. Tom Walkinshaw's operation at Leafield is the germ, the building block for the future. I think next year we will have a car that will surprise a few people. If my fans are

true fans they will stick with me and we will go forward together." Realistically, the best that Hill can

hope for next season is the occasional podium finish. Arrows will have both a new engine, the Yamaha, and new tyres, supplied by the Japanese company, Bridgestone, and it is bound to take time to pull the various elements together. Few doubt that Walkinshaw will get it right in the end, but he admitted yesterday that breaking into the top five teams was his ambition for next

Walkinshaw sat alongside Hill and Breen at the press conference and said that he had monitored Hill closely throughout the season and had been impressed with what he had seen. He spoke to him after the Italian Grand Prix at Monza earlier this month to register his interest and sealed the deal earlier this week. Hill signed the contract on

"It is not dependent on whether Damon wins the championship," he said. The first tasks I set myself when I took over at Arrows was to get a top flight driver to lead the team. Now I have got one of the fastest drivers in the world."

Newcastle hungry for greater European experience

By Peter Ball

BRITISH experiences in Europe have not been universally happy recently, but the remaining football clubs could have few complaints about their luck in the draws for the second round of the European competitions yesterday. Newcastle United and Aberdeen avoided the big guns in the Uefa Cup and Liverpool were similarly fortu-

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nate in the Cup Winners' Cun. Newcastle have the biggest name to confront in Ferencvaros, the Hungarian champiteam, but Hungarian football is in an almost permanent trough these days and they are playing in the competition after being knocked out of the error being knocked out of the preliminary round of the European Cup.

Defeat in Halmstad on Tuesday, however, warned

Newcastle against any complacency. The team is still learning about playing in Europe, as that game showed. The football on the Continent is very different to the way we play." Les Ferdinand, their goalscorer in Sweden, said

yesterday.
"We are learning it's hard to beat these sides in Europe.
They are very resilient and we can't afford any lapses of concentration; but the only way we'll learn is by making

progress." They should do so.
"I'm surprised we're the
only English club left, but it's
nice to be the standard bearers," Terry McDermott, the Newcastle assistant manager,

Aberdeen may have the more difficult task in the Uefa Cup with a tie against Brondby, Liverpool's conquer-ors at the same stage a year

In the Cup Winners' Cup Liverpool meet Sion, of Switzerland. They will be grateful to have avoided Barcelona, Benfica, Fiorentina, PSV Eindhoven and Paris Saint-

To add to Liverpool's and Newcastle's ease, both have the advantage of playing the first leg away. "At Liverpool we were always glad to bring teams to Anfield for the return leg knowing what we had to do," McDermott said.

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Volunteers head for high seas challenge

By Edward Gorman, sailing correspondent

AFTER what, for many of the eager volunteer crews, has been more than two years of training and preparation, the BT Global Challenge round-the-world yacht race finally gets underway from the eastern Solent tomorrow morning.

The 14 identical Rob Humphreys-designed 67ft steel cutters will make their way down Southampton Water and assemble at Gilkicker Point, off Gosport. There, the Princess Royal, the president of the Royal Yachting Association and patron of the Challenge Races, will fire the start gun from the Brittany Ferry, Duc de Normandie, at 12.05pm.

The general forecast suggests that the crews will sail into a headwind as they beat



through the Solent, a foretaste of what is to come as they contemplate going to wind-ward through the Southern Ocean, as did Chay Blyth, the founder and director of the race, during his epic solo voyage on British Steel 26 years ago.
There will be stiff competi-

tion from the off, with skippers vying for two special trophies. awarded to the first yacht to pass the Squadron line at Cowes and to the first to cross a second line, off Hurst Castle, as the fleet heads out through the Needles Channel.

After that, it will be a straight race to the first of five stopovers at Rio de Janeiro. where the leading finishers are expected in about a month's time. The overall winner will be the yacht that completes the circumnavigation in the shortest total time.

The RT Global Challenge is Blyth's second pay-as-you-go race and follows the phenomenal success of the first, the British Steel Challenge, which was run in 1992-93. Then, there were ten boats in the fleet, with the amateur circum-navigators each paying



Blyth: set course

E14,850 for their "trip of a lifetime", which took them to Rio, then Hobart, Cape Town and back to Southampton. Four years later four new

boats have been added to the fleet. This time the fee is £18,850 and there are more stops, taking the fleet from Southampton to Rio, then on to Wellington, Sydney, Cape Town, then a diversion up to Boston and finally back to Southampton.

The basic ingredients are the same. Around 290 people will take part, with most completing a circumnavigation. While the 14 skippers are all experienced professional yachtsmen, the crews are made up of people from all walks of life, some with very little sailing under their belts. others with experience to rival the best in any sailing club.

The race features a disabled crew on board Time and Tide. perhaps the finest expression of Blyth's conviction that anyone, from any background and whatever their ability, can savour the challenge of serious ocean racing. The Time and Tide crew is skippered by James Hatfield, who has a hole in the heart, but has aiready sailed once round the world single-handedly. Others on the boat have overcome cancer and curvature of the spine: there are three amputees, two deaf people, two with cerebral palsy and one who is blind. Hatfield is confident

that they will not only get round, but also sail to win. The other skippers include four who took charge of yachts in the first race: Richard Tudor, on the favourite. Nuclear Electric, which won the 1992-93 race: Mike Golding, on Group 4, who also holds the solo westabout record: Richard Merriweather. on Commercial Union; and Adrian Donovan, on Heath Insured. Three others were crew volunteers last time and have now stepped up to lead: Simon Walker, on Toshiba Wave Warrior, Andrew Hindley, on Save The Children; and Mark Lodge,

The remaining skippers are Merfyn Owen, on Global Teamwork, Chris Tibbs, a veteran of two Whitbreads, on Concert, Boris Webber, from South Africa, on Courtaulds, Paul Bennett, on Ocean Rover. Tom O'Connor, an Irish Air Corps helicopter pilot, on Pause To Remember, and David Tomkinson, on 3Com.

The Times has two sponsored crew in the race -James Capstick, a Metropolitan police officer, on Ocean Rover, and Lucy Duncan, a midwife, on Concert. They won a readers' competition to have half their berthing fee paid and they will report the paper regularly for throughout the race.



Preparing for familiar waters, Golding, a veteran of previous circumnavigations, will skipper Group 4 in the BT Global Challenge

Latter-day adventurers prepare for supreme test of courage

appiness, they say, cannot be bought. Be that as it may, some 200 people are having a go. It requires £18,750 each, ten months, 30,000 miles and an awful lot of hell and high water before they find out if they have succeeded.

The starting gun for the BT Global Challenge, the world's toughest yacht race if we are to believe Chay Blyth, its inventor and effectively its owner, will be fired by the Princess Royal on the Solent tomorrow to send an ordinary bunch of people on an extraor dinary journey. In Nelson's day, you were press-ganged into this sort of horror. This lot not only volunteered, but they begged, borrowed or

paid for the privilege.

At a time of national selfdoubt, not least on the sporting front, it is reassuring that event demanding moral and physical courage, sacrifice of security for the uncertain, a sense of adventure and a trust in hitherto unknown colleagues, has been hugely over-subscribed with 700 applicants for a place on one of the 14 one-design steel yachts.

All of them are responding to the same inner call to prove themselves that drove Blyth. as a young paratrooper, to row across the Atlantic with John Ridgway, and later to sail, single-handed and, as they will, against prevailing winds and seas, around the world. Nearly three quarters of them had never previously sailed, though they have since been rigorously prepared for their departure tomorrow and the prolonged assault course

lying in wait.
Whether BT's multinational organisation will get value for money from its sponsorship - 200 personnel and an David Miller admires the pluck of some ordinary folk with an extraordinary goal

undisclosed race budget believed to be several million is another matter. Blyth's organising budget is £1.5 million and he has 49 staff. What is sure is that the event, staged for the second time, brings the camaraderie of ocean sailing, the ethos of the sport, in touch with everyday people and an armchair audience more accustomed to hearing about the elitist America's Cup.

The two remarkable aspects of the race - for that it certainly will be, more so than the first - are the selection of crew by Blyth and the responsibility of 14 professional skip-pers to ensure that their motiey crews, of vastly different dispositions and abilities, co-operate effectively and have a safe, rewarding

Mike Golding is the skipper, and full-time employee, of Group 4, the security spe-cialists that sponsored his boat in the first race, 1992-93, when he was second and again when he sailed non-stop

single-handed, in 1993-94, to clip 125 days off Blyth's 286day east-west circumnavigation record of 1971. "The race is about crew management," Golding said emphatically.

On the one hand, there has to be deck sail-handling efficiency, when a single snapshackle dropped overboard costs £95, or a blown spinnaker or headsail writes off several thousands. On the other, he cannot relegate ne who evidently has two left feet exclusively to heating the soup when a gale is screaming through the rigging in the Roaring Forties. All must be involved.

The extreme responsibility in this respect will lie with James Hatfield, 40, a former open-heart surgery patient and skipper of the boat sponsored by Time and Tide, the charity that he helped to fund, and wholly crewed by disabled volunteers.

The genius of Blyth lies in

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single-handedly selecting every participant, sometimes with an interview of no more than 15 minutes, a rare capacity for judging character.

The personal satisfaction if you get it right fon the boatl will be fantastic," Golding said, "but, if you get it wrong, you'll be in trouble up to your neck." The first event, he said, was pioneering, and wrongly labelled foolhardy by some. There were no accidents. element will be high," he

One of his watch leaders is Dr Amanda Tristram, the gynaecologist who resigned her post at Bristol, who will combine her watch duty with spinnaker-trimmer and computer communications s vision. The oldest hand is Jack Ward, a retired businessman who took part in the last ARC. the Atlantic race for cruisers.

The main worry, Blyth reckoned, will be damage caused by competitive racing between serious skippers. "We elements," he said, which includes doubling the available life-raft spaces required by government regulations.

Part of that safety comes from BT's satellite tracking system, technology with a commercial market that is a prime objective in sponsorship hospitality "networking" among some 150 target companies and fellow sponsors at each port of call. The Global Challenge could do more for BT. at a fraction of the cost, than IBM's unhappy involvement with the Olympic Games. Already, BT's web site on the internet has had 500,000 calls, many from schools and universities intending to follow the progress

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Arafat gives vent to anger with his eye on survival

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

dent of the Palestinian Authority, has riever hesitated to change course if his survival is

His denouncement of the Israelis, appeal to the world to isolate the Government of Binyamin Netanyahu and call on fellow Palestinians to take up arms in response to the opening of the tunnel near al-Aqsa mosque, stand in extraordinary contrast to the condolences he sent to Yitzhak Rabin's widow and the sentimental clasping of Shimon Peres's hand only a few months ago. Yet he knows that, unless he rides the wave of Palestinian anger, he will be finished, politically and possibly even physically, and any chances for peace would die with him.

No one was plunged into deeper despair by the change of government in Jerusalem than Mr Arafat. His chances of consolidating his shaky rule over the rump of Palestine and showing himself a statesman depended on the Israelis. Unless they stuck to the Oslo timetable he could not claim to have won Palestinian self-rule or hold out the promise that one day he would have a real state with a real capital in east

The Peres Labour Govern-

delivering his dreams: troops were withdrawn from most of the West Bank, settlements halted and officials even talked about recognising a Palestinian state. Jerusalem remained a huge obstacle, and the settler community in Hebron had prevented an Israeli withdrawal from this flashpoint. But Mr Arafat believed he could open final status negotiations.

Mr Netanyahu's election win halted the process in its tracks. At first Mr Arafat hoped that pragmatism would soon force a return to negotia-

London rally: Muslims

tions. But to his dismay, Mr Netanyahu showed no interest in restarting final status talks, Arafat by refusing to meet him for well over two months. This was a bitter blow. Mr

Aralat is a proud and vain man, no longer young, who enjoys the trappings of office and the appearance of power - as Palestinian opponents demanding pluralist democracy know to their cost. The Likud Government's stance not only showed his pretensions to be overblown, but reinforced the impression that he was, at best, an Israeli puppet - a charge at the centre of Hamas accusations

that he is a quisling. For two months Mr Arafat, resentment growing, ed for a meeting. But he had little leverage. Messages through Washington were received but pressure on Israel during the election campaign was unthinkable.

The weaker Mr Arafat looked, the less credible was his promise that he could deliver self-rule and the greater the resentment at his crackdown on radical opponents. Within the Palestinian Authority his position was un-challenged, but heavy-handed suppression of critics has provoked the allegation that he is



Yassir Arafat quoting from the Koran as he offers condolences to one of the families grieving for a relative killed in clashes in Gaza

Netanyahu. Mr Arafat was alternately conciliatory, maintaining the peace process was on course, and blustering. He also had to watch his constituency, and the mood on the streets in Gaza was turning ugly. Mr Arafat's only weapon was the threat of strikes and demonstrations, which would hurt the struggling Palestinian economy far more than the

Israelis. He has received little help from King Husain of Jordan, who has never hidden his dislike of him, or from

other Arab leaders. His appeals over the heads of the Israeli Government to world opinion have delivered little, beyond a symbolic handshake with Mr Netanyahu and no promise of a withdrawal from Hebron. Meanwhile,

the promise of new settlements on the West Bank, the threat to close Orient House in Jerusalem and the demolition of a Palestinian community centre have been setbacks that made "normal" relations with Israel very difficult for most Palestinians to accept.

So Mr Arafat has given free rein to his anger and his who was willing to accept flowery threats as the price of with a blunt American style of negotiating that pays no attention to the need to save face, took Mr Arafat literally, using his words to show that he has been the man who has let the relationship slide. Palestinians as well have seen his

words as a green light to give

tunnel was the spark, but stops the violence, Mr Arafat could recover. He has taken up arms against most Arab leaders in the past, and kissed and made up. With Mr Netanvahu, it would be far harder. For Mr Arafat's pride has been critically wounded.

Rifkind appeals for Israel to make a peace gesture

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

BRITAIN called on Israelyesterday to close the controversial funnel under the al-Agsa mosque and to revive the peace process with an "imaginative gesture" such as beginning its planned troop pull-out from the West Bank

city of Hebron. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, made the apsency meeting of the United Nations Security Council in New York. Mr Rifkind urged Israel to declare a "moratorium" on opening the tunnel to tourism — the action which triggered the Israeli-Palestinian clashes of recent days.

"The tunnel has existed for some time," he said. "What caused the grave situation was opening up the second entrance. That was done very easily and it could be reversed verv easily.'

Giving a warning that the peace process was "on the verge of collapse", however, Mr Rifkind said further measures were also needed to restore Palestinian confidence after the election of the hardline Israeli Government.

"I do not think you can see these riots and demonstrations over the tunnel in isolation," he said. "If that tunnel were opened six months ago. it would have been controverwould be 50 people dead. This has been the symptom of a much more severe deterioration which is under way."

Rifkind urged Binyamin Netanyahu, the Isreali Prime Minister, to hold an immediate meeting with Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, to end the fighting. He also proposed that Israel act promptly to implement its commitments under its peace deal with the Palestinians, notably by beginning to withdraw troops from Hebron.

The Foreign Secretary codorsed a proposal by King Husain of Jordan for the creation of an international commission to deal with archaeological issues in Jerusalem, and said Britain was ready to participate. Arab states called for the Security Council to condemn Israel for opening a second tunnel entrance, but Mr Rifkind said either side for blame.

But he did express doubt about the wisdom of Israeli policy, saying it was easier to identify what Mr Netanyahu was against than what he was for. "There is still a lack of clarity as to the overall stratethe Israeli Government gy the Israeu Governas adopted," he said.

With Mr Rifkind at the Security Council table were the foreign ministers of Israel, Egypt. Russia, France, Chile, Honduras and Indonesia as well as the Palestinian representative at the UN.

Clinton keeps anger private

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

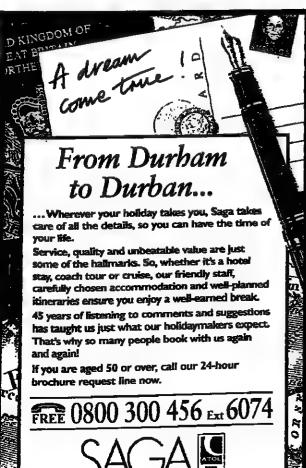
THE Clinton Administration is privately angry with Israel for sparking renewed violence in the West Bank and Gaza. but for strategic and domestic political reasons it will not join the harsh European criticism of Binyamin Netanyahu's Government. The Administration believes

its best chance of saving the peace process lies in the intense "behind-the-scenes" diplomacy in which it is engaged. President Clinton also knows an open clash with Israel just six weeks before an election would cost him Jewish-American votes, especially in the key state of Florida.

As it is, this week's violence prevents Mr Clinton citing the Middle East peace process as one of his proudest foreign policy successes, but that hardly matters because the American electorate is so exclusively focused on domestic issues. There is no evidence. for example, that Mr Clinton's mishandling of the recent Iraqi crisis cost him any

The Israeli Government gave Washington no warning of its provocative decision to open a new entrance to the disputed archaeological tunnel near a Muslim holy site. When the Palestinians reacted violently the Administration declined publicly to "play the blame game", but has privately been putting intense pressure on Mr Netanyahu to reseal the tunnel, at least temporarily, and to meet Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian





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Horatio of the Cortes

HOW would the Britons react if

they were told that Betty Boothroyd, Speaker of the Commons, was doing a thesis on would be gob-

smacked. doubt, to use a phrase not plucked from Quixote. Yet in Spain, Miss Boothroyd's Anglophile counterpart, Federico Trillo-Figueroa y Martinez-Conde, 43, President of the Cortes, is studying the Bard in his spare

on "the concept of power in the works of William Shakespeare". Senor Trillo's appreciation of things British stretches beyond Shakespeare, of course. "I admire Señora Thatcher profoundly," he says. "She had the courage and

time, and writing a doctoral thesis

Spanish as she is spoke

A 700-page book of considerable erudition. Anglicismos Hispanicos (Hispanic Anglicisms), has just been published in Madrid to great fanfare. The book, by Emilio Lorenzo, a member of Spain's Royal Academy offers,

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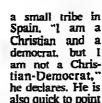
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grace of her convictions, and powers of persuasion unmatched by any other politician I have met. Most of all, however, I admire her for the way in which she reinvented the modern, Western state. The lady was the first to put into practice all those neo-liberal principles which we now take for

The President of the Cortes has the looks of an Iberian Robert Redford and is a member of the ruling Popular Party. An un-abashed Thatcherite, he is one of

among other things, a guide to such anglicisms as "niquers", "estriptis" and "güisqui". Translated back into English, these words are revealed as being nothing more exotic than knick-

ers, striptease and whisky.



Christian and a democrat, but I am not a Christian-Democrat," also quick to point out the "Thatcherite paradox" of European monetary union. The

stabilise currency, and low inflation" - are all basic principles drawn from the Iron Lady's creed, Senor Trillo, with his impeccable English, campaigned in Brit-ain for John Major in the last general election, visiting the country again to attend last year's Tory

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party conference in Blackpool.

The place is a bit of a northern
Benidorm," he said.

With a common form With a copy of Erskine May on his desk ("it is always there"), he is clearly as keen a student of the British parliamentary system as he is of Shakespeare. "I take my hat off to your sense of dialogue, to the total absence of dogmatism in your Parliament. Debate there is governed by common sense."

And how did Spain compare?



Señor Trillo, a committed Anglophile, at his summer home in Murcia with his family

"We have suffered for our dogmatism," he laments. "The Civil War was bitter proof of that." The shadow of Shakespeare, too, falls over Spanish politics.

"There is a Brutus and a Cassius in every political party." he says enigmatically, "as much in this age as in all others." Does Senor Trillo see himself in any of the

Bard's characters? "Perhaps in Horatio," he ventures. Horatio, Hamlet's friend and counsellor an unshowy choice for a quiet,

Wealthy Dali gave friend the brush-off

COMPELLING proof that Salvador Dali, the artist, could not spell as well as he could paint — in fact, he could barely spell at all — is found in two recently discovered letters to his Surrealist fellow-traveller. Luis Bunuel.

These letters, dated April 1939, also reveal the true reasons for the end of the friendship between the painter and Bunuel, director of the film Un Chien Andalou. Contrary to general belief, the break-up had little to do with their growing political differences over Franco, whose policies Dali had embraced with enthusiasm.

At the time these letters were written, Buñuel was in Hollywood, involved in a project on the Spanish Civil War. He was broke. Dall, the toast of New York, was immensely rich. When Bunuel finally swallowe his pride and wrote to Dali begging for money, the latter responded with a rambling letter forecasting Spain's imminent global begemony

In the final paragraph lay the sting a refusal to give Buñuel money. The reason was this: "I haven't yet forgotten that you did not include my name in the screen credits of Un Chien five years before the letter was written.

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Soaring drug use tarnishes 'golden youth' of Moscow

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

THE "golden youth" of Moscow, fond of fast cars, designer clothes and expensive nightclubs, are causing a new social problem by turning to hard

The number of heroin addicts in Moscow has soared by 200 per cent this year, the Interior Ministry said yesterday, and cocaine addiction has also risen sharply. There are now some 6,000 officially registered drug addicts in the Russian capital, while the real figure is probably much

higher. The main users are young people who now have the kind of spending power their par-ents could only dream of, hence their "golden youth" tag. They are buying heroin at \$100 (about £64) a gram or higher. Vladimir Charykov, head of the Illegal Drugs Department of the Moscow That is more than the average pensioner receives in a month. A lot of ordinary businessmen are also taking heroin,

"top businessmen prefer The police officers being asked to tackle this drugs boom are underfunded and

Mr Charykov said. However

under-equipped. Only one in five anti-drugs officers have a radio and there is only one car for every ten to 15 officers, according to the department.

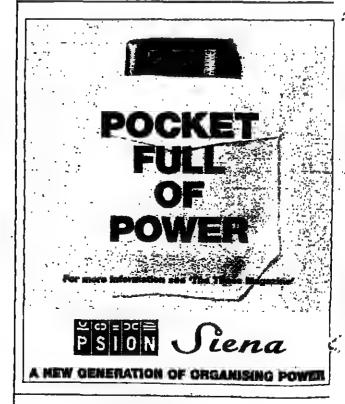
One of the biggest problems is mounting drug raids in the smarter parts of Moscow. The managers of the nightclubs where many of the hard drugs are consumed are rejuctant to let police officers in Mr Charykov said, forcing the police to use devious measures

to gain access. One anti-drugs officer complained last year of the expense of sending undercover officers to clubs where the entrance fee was as high as

Most of the cocaine comes from South America, where local traders have made contact with Russian underworld.

Two weeks ago, a Russian and a Peruvian were arrested at Moscow airport for bringing 4kg (almost 9lb) of cocaine into Russia in a briefcase with a false bottom. The street value of the haul was estimat-

The heroin mainly comes from the "Golden Crescent" of countries in Central Asia. which has become the centre of the world opium trade.



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Record jobless total adds to Juppé woes

FRENCH unemployment rose to a record high last month, putting renewed pressure on a government already battered by harsh internal criticism and mounting threats of industrial action.

As Paris Mêtro workers staged a one-day strike over jobs and wages, and rail employees tied up regional transport in the southeast for the fifth consecutive day, official figures yesterday showed that unemployment reached 12.6 per cent in August after the steepest rise in monthly jobless figures for three years. Almost 40,000 more people

became unemployed last month, raising the total to 3.085,000, according to statistics issued by the International Labour Organisation. In June the jobless figure equalled the record of 12.5 per cent set in March 1994, then dipped slightly in July, before leaping again to last month's new record high.

Alain Juppe, the Prime Minister, has called for a vote of confidence in the Government's economic policies next week but in the past two days he has been condemned within the ruling Gaullist RPR

party. President Chirac inter- Juppe's mauling and said he May last year. "The bad vened to support his Prime Minister after particularly venomous onslaughts during the party's annual convention in Le Havre.

Edouard Balladur, the former Prime Minister, and Pierre Mazaud, a party veteran, both lashed out at M Juppé's initiatives to reform the electoral system and bolster anti-racism legislation. Etienne Garnier, a backbench deputy, referred to him as "an irreparable Prime Minister, whose dogmatism and clumsiness are leading the country towards insurmountable problems". M Chirac expressed "indignation" at M

sands of people marched through Italian cities yesterday during a one-day national strike by 1.5 million engineering and metalworkers seeking pay rises of up to 10.1 per cent over two years. Employers have offered from 7 to 9 per cent, in line with

would interpret any attack on the Prime Minister as a personal slight. M Chirac's office denied reports that M Juppe had threatened to resign or boycott the conference unless the President intervened to

M Chirac is technically above party politics and his decision to intervene personally is a sign of how damaging internal strains have become While the Government will certainly win a confidence vote next Wednesday, an opinion poll this week showed M Chirac's approval rating had slumped to 36 per cent, the lowest since he was elected in

industrial cities of Milan and

Turin and took part in railies

addressed by union leaders.

The strikers included Fust car-

workers and Olivetti comput-

Smaller protests took place

as far south as Naples, where

20,000 people demonstrated,

and Palermo, the Sicilian

restore discipline.

Italy hit by pay strike

er staff

other sectors.

About 50,000 workers capital (Reuter)

unemployment figures will certainly not help to put an end to criticism within the ranks of the majority," M Juppé admitted dolefully.

M Balladur said the Government needed to go further in cutting spending to bring down the deficit and meet the criteria for European economic and monetary union, but he insisted that M Juppé must also boost the economy and tackle unemployment.

Unions are mobilising to oppose M Juppé's latest batch austerity measures, including the elimination of nearly 6,000 civil service jobs. Teachers, who stand to suffer most from the cuts, will stage a oneday stoppage on Monday and public sector unions, joined by the two most powerful rail unions, have called a strike on October 17.

☐ Madrid: Spain's Government approved the draft of an austere budget which would assure the country's inclusion in the launch of the single European currency. The budget is intended to slash 1.2 trillion pesetas (about £6 bilfrom the public deficit. (Reuter)



Sicilian magistrates in Palermo display the Ma that chief's hoard yest erday

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Treasure found in Mafia suitcase

FROM FRANCESCO BONGARRA IN PALERMO

ITALIAN police have unearthed the personal treasure of Toto Riina, the Mafia's "Boss of Bosses", in an underground hideout.

Gold bars weighing 88lb. 300 sovereigns, diamonds, emeralds, jewels, Swiss gold watches, blank Italian passports, a large amount of dollars and marks and a massive golden crucifix, covered in precious stones, treasure was hidden under a villa in Castelvetrano, a resort near the city of Trapani. in

western Sicily, Arnaldo la Barbera, the police chief in Palermo, said the hoard was worth about £1.5 million.

The discovery came after revelations that another Mulia member has become an informer. Police say he is a jeweller from Castelvetrano. He was given the suitcase by Riina in 1991 "to keep it safe and ready to be used by him or his family when 'bad moments' arrived", he told prosecutors. In yesterday's raid, police also arrested eight alleged chiefs of Matia families.

Daughter of Lancia is killed

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS

ELEONORA LANCIA, daughter of Vincenzo Lancia. founder of the car company. was killed yesterday by one of her daughters, police said.

The victim, 70, they alleged, was stabbed through the heart by Giovanna Boglione, 44, at the family estate in the smart Turin suburb of Moncalieri. The daughter of the dead woman was taken by police to a Turin hospital where she was being treated for severe shock in a psychiatric ward.

Police said they did not know the motive for the killing, but Signora Boglione had been suffering from depression for about a year since she She had been staying with her mother for several days.

A maid allegedly told police the family had received guests for dinner the previous night. After they had gone to bed, she was awoken by screams shortly before 3am and found the dead woman's daughter in the kitchen holding a carv-ing knife. The maid disarmed her and called the police. Vincenzo Lancia, who

founded the company in 1906, died in 1937. Lancia was absorbed into the Fiat empire

True love blocked by mother of a château

By BEN MACINTYRE

IN A tale of snobbery, feudalism and maternal domination, a powerful doyenne of the landed aristocracy has intervened to prevent her only son from marrying the woman he loves — the daughter of a trade unionist.

On the day that Henri-Georges Lacombe-Mauranges, 34, was to wed his fiancee, his mother invoked an ancient French law that allows parents to prevent their children from marrying – even when adult – by

the partners is "demented". Hélène Lacombe-Mauranges. 66, châtelaine (lady of the manor) of a vast 13th century château in the Dorme, is bitterly or her son's engagement to a divorced woman of 41 with three children. On their planned wedding day, September 14, a bailiff arrived bearing a formal act of opposition" from the groom's parents and the wedding was cancelled.

French penal code. The would-be groom, who has taken legal action to end the opposition", told Le Figaro yesterday: "In this region the parons are still very strong. Sometimes we seem to be living in the middle of a feudal system."

His prospective father-inlaw, in addition to membership of the Communist-led CGT union, also works at the nearby Château de Cloud another factor that has not endeared the match to Mme asserting that one or other of Lacombe-Mauranges.

economic reasons".

The final chapter to this plot

has yet to be written, as Henri

awaits the verdict of the courts

and his mother remains as

unyielding as her castle walls.

After his military career was aborted due to a nervous breakdown in 1968, Henri lived in a flat above his mother's property business in In September 1993 he met and fell in love with Lilliane at a local cafe. For more than a year he kept his mother in ignorance of the love affair. but when he finally revealed the object of his affections Lilliane was banned from the château and Henri was thrown out of the flat and sacked by his mother "for

"Henri-Georges does not have the necessary discernment to give his consent to the prospective marriage," the matriarch and her husband, a retired lawyer, alleged in a. legal document citing the seldom-used Article 173 of the

'Kidnap' girls are found safe

Cologne: Four German girls who vanished from home here have been found unharmed near the Dutch town of Oostburg, where they told police they had asked a man to take them away because they were tired of school.

The girls, twins aged 12 and two friends of ten and 11, were found by Dutch police, who arrested a German, aged 45, a former live-in partner of the twins' mother previously innot charged. (Reuter)

Palme denial by apartheid spy

Johannesburg: Craig Wil-liamson, the apartheid spy, has denied the allegation by Eugene de Kock, a former police colleague, that he was behind the 1986 assassination of Olaf Palme, the Swedish Prime Minister (Inigo Gil-more writes). De Kock made the accusation in the Pretoria Supreme Court during evidence in mitigation of the life sentence he faces for apartheid crimes. Mr Williamson said the accusation was "crazy".

Cliff tragedy claims nine

Sydney: Four adults and five children, aged 11 to 13, were killed when a limestone cliff collapsed on them during a school trip to a surfing carnival in Lecuwin national park. south of Perth (Rachel Bridge writes). Rescuers found one girl alive. Earlier, a mother had written to a newspaper calling for the trip to be cancelled because the area was dangerous.

London offer to Sri Lanka

Colombo: Liam Fox, a Foreign Office minister, said Britain could mediate to end the Sri Lankan ethnic war if invited by the Government and Tamil Tiger rebels. The offer came as government forces killed 450 guerrillas. many women, in a northern offensive near Kilinochchi after a month's Iull. (Reuter)

Gunman hijacks St Moritz train

Zurich: A gunman hijacked a Swiss train en route to the Alpine resort of St Moritz with about 200 passengers for four hours before surrendering. The 33-year-old pulled out an air pistol and fired a shot to take control of the train. (Reuter)





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Top American choreographer Mark Morris is snapped up by both London opera companies



FILM

At 20, Kate Winslet has cornered the market in costume-drama heroines

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

Profession: Actor, dancer,

Appearing in: Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake (with male swans) in the West End, as the Young Prince.

Run-up: Walkinshaw shouldered his royal role last year when Swan Lake premiered at Sadler's Wells. He is also in the forthcoming BBC/ Warner Bros film of the show. He is not new to the West End. He was the Artful Dodger's snaky best mate in Sam Mendes's Oliver!. On television, aged 13, he embodied the juvenile murderer Graham Young in Granada's A Terrible Coldness,

Halls from: Rainham in Essex, where he lives with his parents (an accountant and a secretary). Obviously highly organised, he shuttles between the Piccadilly Theatre and Havering Sixth Form

ANDREW WALKINSHAW



"I'm doing my A levels in case I need something to fall back on.

Formal training: None. He started in an amateur drama group, aged ten, "just because lots of people at school joined. I used to sing in concerts, as well, at

Chafford School. My music teacher put in for the National Youth Music Theatre auditions. I just went for something to do other than hang around in the street." It was the NYMT's tour to New York and Toronto that really gave him a taste for theatre. eremy James Taylor of the NYMT subsequently sugted him for both A Terrigested him for both oblivers. ble Coldness and Olivers. Walkinshaw does not have an agent. "At the moment," he says, "I get the calls without."

Ideal roles: Javert, the poiceman, in Les Mis.

Any heroes? Demi Moore Hobbies: Football, snooker and "talking a lot".

On performing: "Financially. it's not a very stable job," he says. "Other than that, it's

KATE BASSETT

 WHAT do Janet Jackson, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Michael Heseltine have in common? They have all revealed their creative spirits for Masks, a novel fundraising project for The Prince's Trust. The Masks campaign is hoping to raise more than El million by auctioning personalised works of art contributed by more than 500 celebrities. Each has painted or decorated a white clay mask which be auctioned by Sotheby's on November 28 at the Festival Hail. All the Masks will be unveiled for a public exhibition at the Festival Hall from November 7, although Liberty in Regent

Street is previewing the exhi-

bition from Monday. Among

those taking part are David

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Bowie, Bette Midler, Alec Guinness, Paul Gascoigne, Gene Hackman and Linda

• FILMING has started in London on a television adaptation of **Anthony Powell's** Dance to the Music of Time. Powell's epic comedy of manners, which looks at the social history of Britain across most of the 20th century, will be shown on Channel 4 some time next year. The novels are being adapted by Hugh Whitemore: the cast includes Sarah Badel, Edward Fox, John Gielgud, Simon Russell Beale and Emma Fielding.

Britain had heard of the American choreographer Mark Morris. But his stag-ing of Gluck's opera Orfeo was one of the highlights of this year's Edinburgh Festival, and now comes news that he will be working with both of Britain's leading opera companies in the next 12 months. First up is a collaboration with English National Opera at the Coliscum on the first London performances (in June 1997) of Morris's stunning L'Allegro, il penseroso ed il moderato (set to Handel's great choral work). The choreographerdirector then turns his attention to Rameau's Platée, in a new production for the Royal Opera planned for the Barbi-





Matt Wolf meets Kate Winslet, Hollywood's actress of the moment ...

People kept throwing things at me, which made me feel very uncomfortable and suffocated, like I wasn't my own person": Kate Winslet reflects on the perils of Oscar-nominated fame

One foot in the

Winslet finds her star is rising almost as quickly as she can talk. A lively conversationalist, she has proved no less buoyant on screen, coming to attention via a New Zealandmade art-house hit. Heavenly Creatures, and then the lushly English surroundings of Sense and Sensibility, for which she was nominated for an Oscar as best supporting actress and which won her a

Baita. From Austen, Winslet has shifted to Thomas Hardy. playing Sue Bridehead in Michael Winterbottom's prooding film adaptation of Jude, which opens next week. On Christmas Day, she arrives in American cinemas playing Ophelia in Kenneth Branagh's film of Hamlet. Once more, talk of an Oscar nomination is in the air.

The film world has always had a voracious appetite for youth, and on that front Winslet's only rival seems to be the busy 23-year-old American star of Emma, Gwyneth Paltrow, Like Paltrow, Winslet couples beauty and talent, and her assured work in Jude proves that the impulsive Marianne in Sense and Sensibility was no fluke.

But although the two films were shot in succession (with people, and it takes place almost a hundred years later - it was a whole different ball game," Winslet says of Jude We really could have been acting Jude now, whereas Sense and Sensibility, although it does feel very modern and you can relate to it, would have required adding a lot if it had been set in 1996.

Their directors' approaches coaxed and sometimes bullied his cast in Sense and Sensibilwas more upfront. "If Michael wanted something, he would just tell you. He's doesn't worry about what people might think, about having the Hardy freaks saying, 'Hang on a minute'." The result, Winslet says, "is a film I think Hardy would have made."

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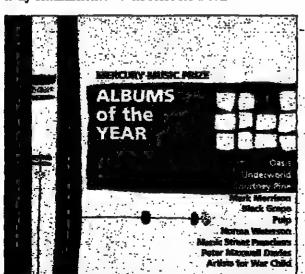
When Jude the Obscure was dramatised on stage by Mike Alfreds earlier this year, the character of Sue left many critics cold as she moved towards and away from her stonemason cousin, Jude Fawley. Winslet comes to the heroine's defence, citing "vulnerabilities and insecurities that are quite beyond anything I've ever encountered. It's not a fear of sex and it's not a fear of love; it's a fear of losing

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The Mercury Music Prize CD for £1

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- 1. Courtney Pine The 37th Chamber 4.20 2. Mark Morrison Return Of The Mack 4.34 3. Pulp Disco 2000 4.33
- 4. Black Grape A Big Day In The North 4,10
- 5. Norma Waterson There Ain't No Sweet Man 2.53 6. Manic Street Preachers A Design for Life 4.17
- 7. Oasis Hey Now! 5.41 F ----
- 8. Radiohead (for War Child) Lucky 4.20 9. Underworld Confusion The Wartress 6,45: 10. Sir Peter Maxwell Davies/BBC Philharmonical

The Beltane Fire (excerpt) 1.29

Musical excellence, regardless of genre, remains the sole criterion for inclusion on the Mercury list (David Sinclair writes), but in judging who should win the prize, the hardest part of the task in previous years has been to decide between records of similar provenance (Suede vs.

the Auteurs in 1993, Portishead vs Tricky in 1995).

However, this year the panel were torn between two vastly differing albums, eventually giving the award to Pulp for Different Class (represented here by Disco 2000), but also making a special acknowledgment of veteran folk singer Norma Waterson. Her delightfully nimble version of Fred Fisher's song, There Ain't No Sweet Man That's Worth The Salt Of My Tears, is typical of her self-titled album's warmth and understated charm.

Radiohead, whose own album, The Bends, was shamefully omitted from the 1995 short list, make a belated appearance this time around with their transcendent anthem, Lucky, representing the many artists who contributed to the War Child charity album Help.

A Design For Life from the Manic Street Preachers' album, Everything Must Go, was one of the most admired singles of the year, and the chart-topping Return Of The Mack from Mark Morrison's album of the same name was one of the biggest-selling songs of 1996.

Underworld and Black Grape provide two widely contrasting examples of the best in contemporary British dance music with Confusion The Waitress (from Second Toughest In The Infants) and A Big Day In The North (from It's Great When You're Straight... Yeah!) respectively. And Courtney Pine shows exactly why he is one of the most respected saxophonists of his generation, with a burst of hyperactive soloing sandwiched between the lilting refrain of The 37th Chamber, taken from his album, Modern Day Jazz Stories.

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... and face of the centuries

him, but she uses this inde-pendence thing she feels she's got in order to call the shots. If she just let herself go, she

would be a lot happier."

By contrast, it is Winslet's own grounding in what she describes as "a very strong. loving, secure environment" that has prepared her to cope with her current celebrity. She grew up in Reading, the second of four children of an actor father for whom, she "things never really kicked off".

There's never been any money in my family," she says, "so now the most joyous thing about what I'm doing is that I can help out if they need it." And though she has yet to fulfil her ambition to buy her parents a house, she did take them with her to the Oscars in March, an experience she remembers as "complete madness, total insanity.

"People kept coming up and lavishly throwing things at me, which made me feel very. very uncomfortable and sort of suffocated, like I wasn't my own person. I would get a phone call" - she drops into her best American accent —

'We have your masseuse coming up', and I would say, 'What masseuse?', and, great as that was, I just found it so invasive."

The mixture of rigour and sycophancy enabled her parents to see at first hand a Hollywood far from the den of licentiousness that her father, at least, had been envisioning. "He used to phone me in LA and say: 'Noboby's giving you

anything to keep you awake, are they? and I would say: 'Dad, this is not the Judy Garland era. Times have

changed." After the Oscar ceremony, Winslet resumed filming on Hamlet "I was pleased that I had to come back to work." she says. "It meant I could go in, have this mad, dreamlike buzz, and then get back to reality." It also allowed her to buy a flat in north London which she shares with her friend Mel Gibson, a make-up artist (That really honestly is her name") and move out of the accommodation she shared with five others and for which she paid £50 a week in

till, Winslet is now in the clutches of Hollywood, playing a Philadelphia sophisticate who has a shipboard affair with Leonardo DiCaprio in James Cameron's disastermovie-cum-romance, Titanic. The film — due out next summer - will be Winslet's highest-profile work yet and, as her name spreads, her greatest challenge is to remember to be herself.

"With the hype going on around you all the time," she says, "it's another world; it becomes a battle to hang on to who I am. I don't have some career agenda of trying to climb a ladder to fame and fortune; I really don't. I've got to remember what my starting point is - that what I'm here for is to act." Jude opens on Friday



to Bruce



Towers of creation: newborn stars emerging from gaseous pillars in the Eagle Nebula (also known as M16) in the constellation Serpens, 7,000 light years away. The top right portion of the sky has not been surveyed

Postcards from the cosmic edge

The images of science seldom transcend their narrow pur-poses. The murky blots on Rosalind Franklin's X-ray images of DNA that gave evidence of its double helix structure are beautiful only with the eye of knowledge. Scanning electron microscope pictures of tiny creatures brings an unseen world to life, and integrated circuits, blown up, are reminiscent of Mondrian but not many people would want them on their walls.

Not so the stunning pictures taken by the Hubble Space Telescope. An exhibition at the Blue Gallery in London and two recently-published books show that these striking images can touch both the scientific and the artistic sensibilities. Some have the luminous qualities of stainedglass windows, while others look like classy sets for a remake of 2001.

Giles Baker-Smith, who runs the Blue Gallery, saw some of the Hubble images reproduced in newspapers, and was so impressed that he rang the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore to ask if he could mount a show. With its approval he picked a dozen or so of the most striking and had them drymounted on aluminium sheets.

They cost a fairly cosmic £795 for the larger images and £595 for the smaller ones, but the books contain many of the same pictures at a more affordable price.

eerily backlit image of the Eagle Nebula, also known as M16, which shows newborn stars emerging from towering columns of interstellar gas. Inside are denser concentrations of gas which are stars in the process of formation.

This picture was constructed from three images taken in different colours by the Wide Field and Planetary Camera which was installed in the space telescope at the end of 1993. Just to reassure you that the whole thing is not the work of an airbrush artist gone mad, black segments at the top indicate areas of the sky that were not surveyed.

The star of the show for me was the planetary nebula NGC 6543, nicknamed the Cat's Eye, a jellyfish-like bubble of bright red gas, whose overlapping clouds give a tremendous sense of depth.

To the artist, astronomer, or mere onlooker, these pictures are a most eloquent justification of space flight. They restore the sense of wonder in the sky that has been an inspiration through human history and is in danger of being lost amid the bright lights of the cities.

NIGEL HAWKES

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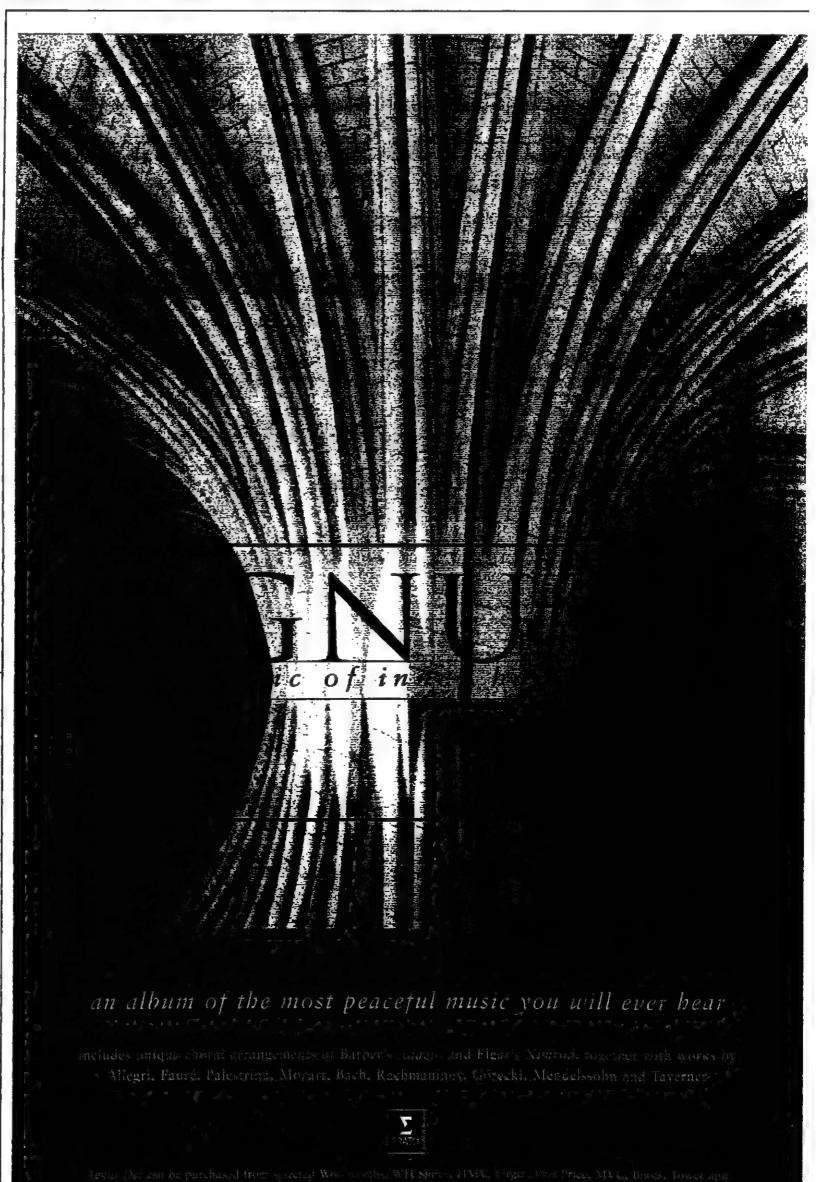
The Texan troubadour's songs straddled the genres of American roots music, telling

> Terry Allen Borderline, WI

tales of life in the badlands along the Mexican border and achieving the unlikely feat of recreating the sweaty atmo-sphere of a Laredo bordello in a London basement.

For almost two hours Allen poured out one inspired song after another, comic one minute, dark and bruising the next. In The Collector in the Art Mall he took a caustic look at his other career as an artist with the refrain, "You'd better look right, 'cos the art mob's out tonight". Wilderness of this World was a set of idiosyncratic musings on see-ing an old discarded shoe on the highway. This is what John Steinbeck would have sounded like had he been a songwriter, though even he could probably not have come up with a line such as "My ego ain't my amigo any more".

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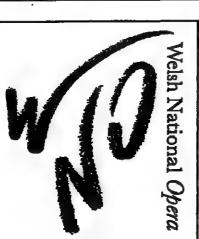
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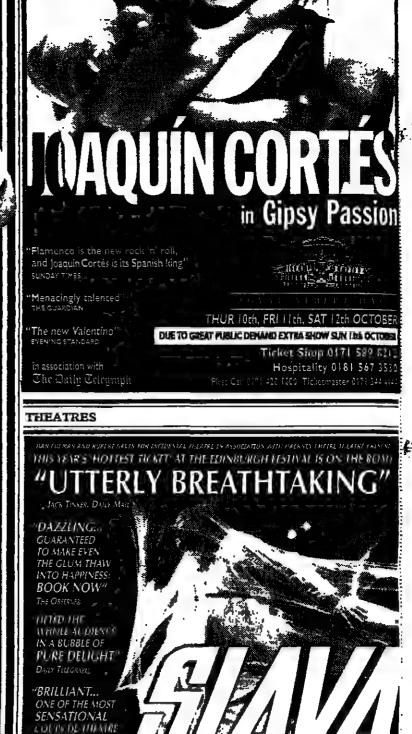
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OPINION

A new 'habitable' bridge for London? Surely everybody would much rather see the return of the old one



ON MONDAY

Lorca's Blood Wedding comes to the stage: read Benedict Nightingale's verdict

Truly, madly, drearily

FIRST a complaint. I don't care that Richard Burbage, Gent, said "no interval" when he ran the old Globe. Audiences there were free to roam around, buy hazelnuts, troll and solicit behind the pillars of the gallery throughout a performance, and were not confined to seats that after 130 minutes induce that deadliest of theatrical tortures: the Iron

Underpants. Where to break this play is a vexed question, but flagging spirits can be revived and frozen posteriors thawed if the director makes the interval coincide with Lear's departure on to the blasted heath. Once out there, where the Poor Tom routine of Edgar (Tom Radcliffe) will turn the king's wits. and send audience sympathy plummeting, no convenient pause presents itself until he's off the heath again and into Act IV. In Jack Shepherd's

THEATRE

King Lear Southwark Playhouse

10 minutes, and I cannot honestly say I was concentrating on subtleties of performance by that time.

Oliver Cotton is playing Lear, both looking and sound-ing gruffly regal. Grey-haired, with jutting beard and deep frown, he nonetheless allows himself moments of pawky humour at the beginning, floating such notions as crawling unburdened or sojourning amorously into the conversation with a catch in his breath that doesn't quite make the remark a joke, but allows it to be what society mags would

In truth this is a conversational court, where Lear chats



A long evening unfolds: (from left) Fred Pearson, Tom Radcliffe and Oliver Cotton

tenderness of his recognition

scenes with Chas Byer's

to France across the corner of . is still necessary, and often a pine table, and voices are never raised until Cordelia's fatal candour so infuriates her father that he sends the table flying. Kent into exile and his daughter off without a shilling. But Shepherd's conception of the play lacks excitement. The cast of 14 is large for a fringe production, though considerable doubling

Gloucester and Fred Pearson's confuses the start of a scene. Kent. Otherwise this is a long When Lear at last goes mad, evening, although Jim Bywater's intelligent Fool is a consolation. Shakespeare would surely have liked the Cotton's delivery becomes clipped and precise. He smacks his lips over words, while a disconcertingly way he leads Lear out of the pleased expression beams storm with a ballad sung to from him. This effective pasthe tune of The Sunny Side of sage is followed by the delicate

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CONCERT: A centenary celebration of the work of Roberto Gerhard at the Wigmore Hall

usual clamour of the Wigmore Hall foyer, for this was a live broadcast on Radio 3, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of the Catalonian composer Roberto Gerhard. This was a fitting tribute: it was, after all, William Glock and the Third Programme who had championed Gerhard when he fled from Franco's Spain to England.

Tribute to a global villager

tionalism was to turn him into one of the most subtle and exuberant exponents of the musical pluralism of our century. And his music is seldom so satisfyingly celebrated as by a flexible chamber unit such as the Nash Ensemble.

For each Gerhard work, one by another composer was there to refract his bright light. After a thrillingly physical performance of his Concert jor 8. Stravinsky's *Thr*ee Japanese Lyrics faced Gerhard's Seven Haiku across the

Rosemary Hardy was the soloist. In the Gerhard, her wide-ranging soprano floated above Michael Collins's aqueous clarinet. Hardy's skill as musical linguist heightened the eloquence of each supple

Gerhard's early arrange-

ment of eight folksongs was rewardingly juxtaposed with Ian Brown's virtuoso performance of Manuel de Falla's farewell to "regional" music in the Fantasia Baetica. But most beguiling of all was Gerhard's Leo from 1969. Here, the power and energy of this zodiac sign is recreated in the sensuous resonances of woodwind, brass, celeste. piano and xylophones until, finally, it sings in a solo clarinet's spectre-like voice, to the dying fall of cello and percussion glissando.

Selling the Thames down the river

ion of architects sink any lower? Or, to put it another way, can the unshakeable self-esteem of our "top" architects rise any higher? Earlier this month, when Sir Norman Foster announced his plan to "improve" our capital with his vast, shiny new Millennium Tower - an edifice that would make Canary Wharf seem like a model of reticence — I thought that London had reached the point of ultimate folly.

In the old days, if you wanted to see how a mad. ruthless disdain for history, context and ordinary folk could ruin an ancient city. you took a package tour to Ceausescu's Bucharest or Stalin's Moscow. Soon, it seems, we will be zonked by gargantuan phallic statussymbols for megalomaniaes every time we enter the Square Mile.

But even dafter architec-tural "visions" have been revealed this week. First we learn that the British pavilion at the current Venice Biennale is devoted to a "celebration" of the new British Library: a building so overdue, over-budget and littered with botches (a government audit lists 230,000 faults) that its very name is a byword for fiasco. I can't think of a worse advertisement for British design. Yet it is flaunted by our architectural establishment at an

Then came the announceunder water. "London's river

is our most under-valued asset, and the time has come to value it properly," John Gummer boldly declared this week. You radical dude! The notion that one of the things to "value" about the Thames is the absence of huge bridges containing shops, offices and hotels apparently doesn't occur to

design habitable bridges. The results? You can guess. There is the giant yellow-

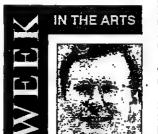
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ment of the winning designs for a "habitable" Thames bridge near Blackfriars. You thought that London had enough offices and shops? Well, silly you. Our Environment Secretary has spotted a swath of central London that has regrettably escaped development, owing to the fact that it is inconveniently

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the priceless Gum-Gum.

So seven "top international architects" were invited to and-red metal worm, fash-



RICHARD MORRISON

ioned in a style best described as 1970s Nasa. There is the classic "cutprice coffin" look, very popular for 1950s bowling alleys. There are skyscrapers — one is twice as high as St Paul's with bridges attached as afterthoughts, blatantly flaunting every undertaking to safeguard the Thames from more high-rise development. And of course there is a steel-and-glass shopping arcade, bringing a touch of Milton Keynes to one of the

world's great river vistas. Now the public has to vote on the two joint winners (shopping arcade versus skyscraper). Wonderful. Won't a boat trip down the Thames be fun in ten years' time? As I understand it, we are building a giant Ferris wheel advertising British Airways opposite the Houses of Parliament; a vast "crystal palace" advertising Sir Richard Rogers on the South Bank; a slice of Milton Keynes in the middle of the Thames; and a colossal tower to loom over St Paul's like a mugger menacing a granny. Why don't we plonk a 20-storey lorry park in New Gardens while we are at it? (No, no, Mr Gummer, that's a joke.)

Oddly enough, an excel-lent design for a habitable bridge across the Thames already exists. It would have huge educational and tourist potential, and be superbly scaled to the surrounding city. Go to the Museum of London and look at its model of London Bridge as it existed shortly before the Great Fire of 1666. What an astonishing project it would be to reconstruct it, close to the present London Bridge, in all its chimneyed, half-tim-bered glory. What a platform it would provide for cafes, shops and museums. What a thrilling link between the reconstructed Globe on the south bank and the Tower and St Paul's on the north. It would be London's premier tourist attraction. A grotesque piece of fake

heritage? No more so, surely, than the "new old" La Fenice now being reconstructed in Venice, or a hundred other famous monuments round the world that we accept as genuine when they are mosty scholarly conjectures. And would wager a week's wages (well, let's say 50p) that - if we must have a habitable bridge - a superbly reconstructed Tudor crossing would win much more public acclaim than a floating piece of Milton Keynes. Go on. Mr Gummer, try something popular for a change. You do have an election to win, you know.

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Israel and the Arabs must go back to basics

Peace is about power, not gladhanding, says David Pryce-Jones

The conflict of interest between Israelis and Palestinians continues to have the potential to flare at any moment into a wider war, with unforseeable consequences. That is why the world community has expended such effort to resolve it.

The facts are intractable, trapping everyone. Both parties have legitimate rights and claims. In the circumstances diplomacy, overt or covert, is unable to replace force as the final arbiter. Finally, only the Israelis can empower the Palestinians; and in so doing, therefore, they would wish to be certain that they are not injuring themselves.

The Oslo Accords appeared to mark the victory of diplomacy over force. Shaking hands on the White House lawn to finalise the Accords. the leaders involved were no doubt sincere in praise of peace. Shortterm advantages existed. The Gaza Strip is a slum as grim as any to be found, and the Israelis were grateful to be rid of it. The Palestinians believed that their empowerment was under way at last. But what might have looked like that elusive desirable thing, a "peace process", had been stitched together behind closed doors, in haste and without debate. Glad-handing in American style had replaced substance.

The future of the Settlers on the West Bank and the Golan Heights. as well as the map of Jerusalem. remained in the air. So-called "final

status" talks were supposed to resolve these Resuming two crucial issues in due course. Not merely conthe intifada ventional fudging, here was an evasion of what threatens really mattered. It was a Arafat as repeat of what might be much as the called the Gorbachev mistake, namely stating in advance desired ends.

without prior certainty that the means to reach that end were available and feasible. The sense of entering a period of dangerous indecision has aroused fears and expectations, much as in

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the Soviet Union in its last stage. Israeli Settlers on the West Bank and Golan Heights could only suppose that the very Government which in the first place had, hu let it be known that he was not encouraged them to live theme, anxious to meet Arafat; now he. might soon remove them, or leave them under Palestinian rule - in short, sell them out. Conspiratorial rumours spread that the Rabin Government was striking further secret deals with Yassir Arafat and President Hafiz Assad. Fears of this sort incited the murder of Yitzhak Rabin, then the election of a Likudled coalition under Binyamin Netanyahu.

The country is divided as never before. Those who believe that peace requires risking security are only on slanging terms with those who are convinced that the risks already undertaken have sown a coming war. Are not Palestinians firing guns which an Israeli Government authorised them to have? The risk-takers and the risk-repudiators are able to argue their cases with equal sincerity and merit. It is a prior condition of ending this deadlock that Israel decide what sort of country it wants to be. The terms it eventually reaches with the Palestinians will also determine its

For the Palestinians, it was only natural to conclude that immediate and increasing pressure might give them a better deal over Jerusalem. eliminate settlements and even ensure that the autonomy already promised would not stand in the way of such an eventuality. In the course of his visit to London this week, however, Netanyahu declared frankly that the Palestinians would never have a state of their own. Palestinians are best able to test out Israeli intentions or otherwise influence policy by taking to the streets, as they are now doing. Had there not been a contentious tunnel in the neighbourhood of the al-Aqsa mosque, some other pretext would have served. The silence, the hole at the heart of the Oslo Accords asked to be explored and exploited.

in mirror-image, the Palestinians are also uncertain on what terms they are willing to live with Israelis. In the days when they were under military occupation, they started the intifada, in effect a national movement in embryo. This was a success to the extent that it brought back to Palestinian territory Arafat and the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

But a large minority remained unwilling to deal with Israel on any terms of compromise. Eliminating such opponents by ruthless methods, censoring the press, denying civil rights, Arafat has revealed himself to be a dictator, however miniature in scale. Resumption of the intifada threatens hlm as much as it does the Israelis. Hasty words in Damascus. Cairo and even Riyadh, incite the Islamic and other extremists who are jostling to

The logic of a conflict of this type is severe and constricting. Carrying through with his mistake, Gorb-achev placed himself in the predicament of having either to use force to have his way, or else to begin a

process of power-sharing. When first the intifada broke out in 1987, over a road accident quite as wayward as the present disputed tunnel, Rabin in a notorious declaration promised to break bones. The means available proved inappropriate. and so - perhaps contrary to his inner convictions — he consented to

From that moment on, a community of interest between Israel and Arafat undoubtedly did emerge, to mutual benefit. The previous Labour governments, it may be argued, built too much on it, and the present Likud coalition too little. Entering office, Netanyafinds himself spurned. He too has the choice of whether to break bones or to establish a policy power-sharing. To have tackled at Oslo and afterwards the easy issues while refusing to confront those on which compromise really seems beyond the wit of man, has encouraged self-deception all round. The sudden flaring level of violence reveals the depths of the self-

the concept of power-sharing.

sraelis and Palestinians may be doomed to go down the sterile murderous paths of Belfast and Beirut, whereby all are losers as the conflict of interest extends. In the attempt to control the future according to preconceptions, each community might also turn upon itself; those Jews who believe that God covenanted the West Bank on them versus the secular majority; and Hamas or Islamic Jihad fundamentalists versus nationalists.

The parties could prefer, however, to make another and clearer attempt to define what they mean by power-sharing and what sort of ntities they each are able to accept. In that case, they will have first to marginalise idealogically motivated extremists of all varieties to prevent them from poisoning and sabotaging the outcome, as at present. Like other treaties botched expediently and superficially. the Oslo Accords have been overtaken by its their inherent flaws.

David Pryce-Jones is the author of The Closed Circle: An Interpretation of the Arabs (Paladin).

Tony Blair is a lawyer; so are many of his circle. Frances Gibb investigates their influence

Today Labour's Shadow Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, will spell out the party's plans for lawyers and the legal system. His keynote address to 500 fellow barristers at their annual conference has been billed as a first public opportunity for lawyers to grill the man who could succeed Lord Mackay of Clashfern
- architect of the most sustained attack this century on lawyers'

restrictive practices. In truth, today's gathering will be far from hostile. Lord Irvine — "Derry" to his friends — should feel very much at home. Still a successful silk, he would be the first Lord Chancellor for years to come directly from the practising ranks of the English legal profession; Lord Mackay, from the Scottish Bar, was always treated as an outsider. Barristers, too, are keen to cement their relationship with new Labour, not to alienate its likely leaders.

But whatever the public posturing, new Labour and the Bar already enjoy the cosiest of connections — probably the strongest between the legal (or any other) profession and any political party for decades. Tony Blair, of course, was a practising barrister before he turned to full-time politics. His wife, Cherie Booth, is a QC and happens this year to be vicechairman of the Bar conference. Next year she could well be chair.

Labour's legal mafia

both QC and politician, is a close friend of the Blairs. It is likely that, for the first time in a Labour administration, both the Prime Minister and the most senior Cabinet member will come from the ranks of the Bar.

Blair and Irvine go back a long way. It was in Lord Irvine's chambers, then at 2 Crown Office Row in the Temple, that the Blairs met. Both were then his pupils; three years later they married. Proposing a toast at the wedding in 1980, Lord Irvine described himself as Cupid QC. Mr Blair, whose father was also a lawyer, was attracted to Lord Irvine's chambers as a leading set in labour law, although he himself cut his teeth on commercial cases, while Miss Booth has built up a large practice

in employment and public law. So the power axis between new Labour and the law was born, According to Mr Blair's biographer Jon Soper, Derry Irvine has been his most important mentor. From him the young Tony learnt how to "analyse and confront problems and how to marshal arguments in debate". Mr Blair himself says of Lord Irvine: "His contribution to

my intellectual development was enormous." He gave Mr Blair the confidence to question the party's long-cherished beliefs.

Lord Irvine, in turn, is fulsome about Mr Blair: "He was a brilliant lawyer. A complete natural. He had a tremendous talent for assimilating very quickly complex material and I have no doubt at all that he would be a QC by now if he'd stuck with the law." They still speak often. During Mr Blair's rise to the leadership, Lord Irvine has been a source of advice and support. The connections go wider than

the Irvine-Blair one. The party front bench includes another three barristers: Jack Straw, John Morris and Paul Boateng. In the Lords, there is Lord Williams, QC, former Bar chairman. Not only are several leading Labour politicians lawyers. such as Harriet Harman, but a number of influential lawyers are openly supporters of new Labour. Anthony Julius - Diana, Princess of Wales's highly successful divorce lawyer, Eliot scholar and tipped as a future fixer for Mr Blair, as Arnold Goodman was for Harold Wilson — is a prominent member of the Fabian Society. Then there are Peter Goldsmith, QC, former who chairs the Bar's law-reform committee; and Gavin Millar. brother-in-law to Blair's press secretary, Alastair Campbell. Then there are family and friends: Bill Blair, Tony's elder brother, is a leading banking QC and his sister is in legal publishing. Friends include the solicitors Maggie Rae and Henry Hodge, and the barris-

ter Charles Falconer, QC.

hat difference will it make? Clearly Labour leaders have to tread carefully to avoid any charge of Shadow kitchen Cabinets: Cherie Booth drew instant media flak when she said, at a launch of Labour papers on the law, that Lord Irvine "will be the next Lord Chancellor". This is not nepotism: he would be Labour's choice for the post regardless of the Blairs. But it seems as if older influences on Labour - the unions and the block vote - are being supplanted by more sophisticated lobbying in Temple corridors and at dining tables of the Inns of Court.

That intelligence network is already detectable. The Bar's contacts have enabled it to hone its policies

in line with Labour's proposals on improving access to justice. The are still points of difference Lord Irvine and Paul Boateng have signalled that they want to tackle remaining restrictive practices rules which stop lawyers setting up multi-disciplinary partnerships with other professions, and which prevent clients from briefing barristers direct. But the power of the legal lobby to styrnie unwelcome legislation, should it emerge, has probably never been greater.

Would Labour re-examine the role of the Attorney General (who is ex officio also head of the Bar) and consider disbanding his depanment? What of reforming the way judges are appointed? As Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine could even find himself responsible for recommending Ms Booth for judicial appointment. And would Labour support granting advocacy rights to Crown prosecutors?

Today, the message Lord Irvine will drive home to the Bar is: expen no favours from a Labour administration. Experience has shown though, that the strength of the lawyers' club cuts across party. political boundaries. The Bar succeeded in diluting Lord Mackay's reforms to the extent that some shill are not in place. If Labour wins the election, the Bar will have unrivalled, and perhaps unprecedented

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orma Major is coming out. Her pleasant face peers, slightly bemused, from behind the curtain of privacy she has maintained so long. An election is in the offing and Battle of the Spouses has been declared. She is "doing the rounds", Central Office minder in tow. But this is no Hillary versus Elizabeth. Britain's political womenfolk duel not with heartstrings but with literature. Cherie Booth guest-edits a woman's magazine. Mrs Major writes between hard covers. The one is a stunt, the other is Milton's precious lifeblood of a master spirit". It is Round One to Mrs. Major. Despite three pictures of its author in the introduction alone, Chequers is a serious work. Indeed. this is one of the best country house

histories on the shell L. have visited Chequers only once, to see Mar-Thatcher garet shortly before her Iali. The October evening was drawing in and Denis was away

walking the dog in the gloom. We talked in the great hall while women soldiers loomed out of dark recesses carrying tea. Outside, huge beeches waved angrily at an impending storm. Inside the Prime Minister did the same. Her era was tottering. Devils were at the gates, in the forms of Michael Heseltine and Saddam Hussein. Mr Heseltine was the more menacing. The old house wore its heart on its sleeve. The place was palpably sad.

Chequers is a chameleon, forced to change its colour to that of each occupant. Its rambling "Tudor-bethan" style is ideal for this purpose. A Palladian house would be wrong, an inflexible platform better suited for the ceremonials of a grandee or a monarch. The Prime Minister is estate manager to the nation. His is a job of parlours and kitchens, cupboards and closets, secret passages and false book-shelves. The office has evolved as required. Like Chequers, it is informal, private, hedged-in, surrounded by familiar contours and not given to long views.

When Lord Lee gave Chequers to the nation in 1921, the old house seemed conscious of its destiny. It was not for the Prime Minister, it was meant in part to be the Prime Minister. Lee saw the house as buttressing the conservative gradualism of the central organ of Government. Chequers was architectural psychotherapy. The trust deed was explicit: "It is not possible to foresee or foretell from what classes or conditions of life the future wielders of power will be drawn... To the revolutionary statesman, the antiquity and calm tenacity of Chequers and its annals might suggest some saving virtues in the continuity of English history." The house was that old English foible: the city is a disease that the country must cure. It embodied Wilde's sardonic maxim. "Anybody can be good in the

country" Norma Major handles her complex story with panache. She offers a scholarly account of the old Tudor house and its occupants. She charts the Lee family's

mixed motives in making the donation to a grudging Lloyd George, Lee duly won a peerage, though it nargly cheap. Admirable photographs illustrate the changing decora-

tion of the rooms, including new ones by Mark Fiennes. My one quibble is the absence of a plan, which makes the architectural section confusing (a plan is in the new Pevsner on Buckinghamshire, which the author does not

acknowledge). Mrs Major is at her best in relating the political life of Chequers. True, there is a rich cast of characters on which to draw, but she is neither sentimental nor overawed. The joy, the sadness and the sheer exhaustion of high office race across her screen. The occasional potted histories are well controlled and never more than the backdrop requires. There is no stinting on the anecdotes.

Thus we see Lloyd George summoning the striking miners to dinner and being warned that they will occupy the place come the revolution. Baldwin brings together Sinn Fein and the Ulster Protestants and seats his formidable wife between them, "too fat to be a bone of contention". Maurice Hankey thought Chequers would have "a marvellous effect on these Labour people". Charlie Chaplin duly comes to stay and finds Ramsay MacDonald in plus fours. MacDonald is soon inviting titled ladies to stay, while spurning the infuriated Webbs. Chamberlain



Former premiers at Chequers: John Major will be added when he leaves office

chases moths through the gardens. Churchill watches movies in the library.

The well-known stories stay fresh under Mrs Major's pen. Churchill stages a guard of honour for the visiting Molotov. The Russian does not know how to salute and gives Churchill's V-sign the wrong way round. Pompidou arrives on a Friday evening in weekend tweeds. He finds his hosts still in dark suits and races upstairs to don the same for dinner. They race upstairs to don tweeds. African leaders are terrified of four-poster beds and insist on returning urgently to London after dinner. Nixon's bodyguards trace the Chequers water to a local spring and demand bottled water to be piped to the bedroom. Margaret Thatcher refuses to heat the Annenberg swimming pool as too costly, and insists that the cook use up every one of the King of

Morocco's annual gift of dates. No tale is as poignant as that of Selwyn Lloyd. Macmillan, who rarely used Chequers, let his friend stay there for almost five years after his divorce. In the 1962 night of the long knives. Selwyn Lloyd was sacked as Chancellor despite having been promised the job until the

election. He was wretchedly evicted from Chequers but did not take his labrador, Sambo, to his new home. When the new Cabinet first met for a Chequers photograph, its members found Sambo sniffing round their ankles, bleakly searching for his fallen master. Chequers must

have many ghosts of Banquo.

The book is full of engaging touches. Each occupant and important visitor plants a tree. Douglas-Home has a walnut. Heath a beech, Thatcher a lime and Major an oak. Thatcher's old foe, Helmut Schmidt, has a chestnut and Yeltsin a black poplar. Whether these choices are intended to evoke character or aspiration, Mrs Major does not say, nor who decides.

The motto of Chequers is, "All care abandon ye who enter here." It has rarely been obeyed. Prime ministers now bring their cares with them in boxes, motorcades, seminars and strategy sessions. The house has become more an extension of Downing Street than a retreat from it. Macmillan was the first to install a conference table. A 'Chequers weekend" has become synonymous not with gardening and relaxed company but with state visits, long-term thinking and political tactics. The house is a sort of Sunningdale for No 10.

While Hankey saw Chequers as taming those in power, Lord Haldane had the opposite worry. He feared that the place was out of touch and "would prove a dangerous distraction". Prime Ministers (had been in the habit of seeing colleagues informally in London on Saturday and Sunday evenings. Haldane thought Chequers would encourage cliques and house-party

I imagine that the danger is the opposite. It was always absurd to envisage a modern politician improving his mind by sitting on a Chiltern hillside, imbibing Virgil and Thoreau and chatting estate management with the agent. The dynamic of Chequers is already drawing political pressure and media hysteria up the A41, to lay siege to the Buckinghamshire hedgerows and infect the pubs and byways. Soon a prime minister will long for another escape. Perhaps what he really needs is a true bolthole, a "willow cabin at the gate". not a country house but a prime ministerial cottage. Perhaps some kind soul will oblige. If so, I hope Norma Major writes the book

No entry

NEW LABOUR has finally shown its old guard the door. Socialist Worker, preserve of duffle-coated pickets and readers of Das Kapital. has been banned from the Labour Party conference for the first time. Labour has refused its reporters



accreditation for the conference which starts tomorrow. The Worker will not be sold in the conference precinct and its representatives haven't been allocated a stand.

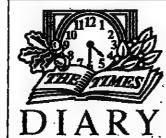
"We have been overwhelmed by the request for passes so some people have had to do without," says a Labour frontman. "What they do on the street we can do nothing about."

The duffle coats are angry. There'll be 500 people from the BBC but not one from our outfit," said one. "It's outrageous." Hazel Croft, whose application to

report on the conference was refused is sharpening her pencil nevertheless. "What really shocks us is that our readership is not deemed worthy enough for Labour," she said. "We're going to report the conference in any case."

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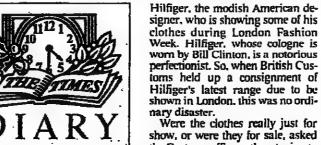
WE MUST be grateful that Lord Longford survived the recent or-deal in his swimming pool when he mare nearly struck at Tommy



almost drowned, for he is a man to cheer the soul -- although occasionally a little absent-minded.

On another occasion at the poolside. I was told recently, the nonagenarian peer emerged from the changing room in his towelling robe. As he approached his thronging family in the pool, he undid the cord — at which point his wife looked up, saw him and said matter of facily: "Trunks, Frank." The noble lord duly turned back to the changing room: "Completely forgot," he muttered.

Frock fright



Week. Hilliger, whose cologne is worn by Bill Clinton, is a notorious perfectionist. So, when British Cusioms held up a consignment of Hilfiger's latest range due to be shown in London, this was no ordinary disaster. Were the clothes really just for

show, or were they for sale, asked the Customs officers, threatening to impound the kit in front of an increasingly flustered fashion team. As time passed, the deadline for the



Longford: forgetful

show closed in. Finally, the customs team gave the nod and Hilfiger's team left the airport. flustered but with their goods.

 For her appearance on Thursday night's Question Time, Harriet Harman, new Labour's Mary Poppins, was nothing less than well prepared. Behind her grating, schoolmarmish manner and hardly satisfying answers, lay four weeks of briefings and advice. By comparison, most Cabinet Ministers give the show no more than un afternoon's thought.

Elton's monster

PERFORMING rather than taste has always been Elton John's forte, but in a new television series about celebrity gardens comes yet more evidence of his eclecticism. In The English Country Garden, to be shown next month on the BBC. Rosemary Verey takes the viewer round John's backyard, which she also designed.

"Elton was keen to have a white garden, and when I started work on it I had in mind the white



John boy and his bride ducking and diving

garden at Sissinghurst." says Verey. Rills, narrow paths and trellises abound but then comes the authentic John touch: Daisy, a lifesize model of a tyrannosaurus rex which lights up at night.

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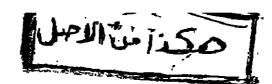
GOOD news for all those heartbroken over the loss of John Kennedy Jr to marriage. His honeymoon has been interrupted by the fans of Juventus football team. John Jr. the cat's pyjamas to legions of women.

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muezzin muezzing in the background, in thundered a squad of Juventus fans. They were in town for their team's European Cup # match against Fenerbahce of Istanbul. The Kennedys hot-tailed it back to their room to cries of "Forza Juve" and have since submerged from view.

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made for Istanbul with his new wife Carolyn after wrongfooting the media with a private wedding As they sat in the hotel bar, the





THE MIND'S GARDEN

A writer's salute to our wild British beauty

"Now o'er the one half world, Nature seems dead," declared Macbeth. Throughout the British countryside there are threats to native flowers, to spider orchids, groundpine, hairy mallows and even bluebells. While conservationists fight to keep species out of danger, and even alive, one writer about the countryside is fighting a different battle - to keep our British plant life alive in our minds.

When Richard Mabey began work on his Flora Britannica, the remarkable work which we begin serialising in our Weekend ction today, he was uncertain whether Britons today still kept up any of the traditional sense and beliefs about their flowers and trees. Did any of our children still suck honey from white dead-nettle on the roadside? Did they celebrate Oak Apple Day any more? Did they put a sprig of heather under their mattresses for luck?

He appealed for answers on television and in the press; and the answers came pouring in. To all the questions above there came a decisive yes - and Mabey unearthed thousands more examples of ways in which plants still form part of our culture. This book will not only be valuable as a record. It provides a model for ways in which we can "rub along" naturally with nature.

Mabev instances not only positive examples, such as "Fritillary Day" in a village in Oxfordshire, when the locals are allowed into a field where the beautiful snake's-head fritillaries grow and can pick them to help charity. He is equally approving of the people of Tamsworth in Staffordshire. here, when a young man crashed into a tree in his car and was killed, the mourners went and revengefully hacked it down.

Conservation of nature is important. It takes up the energies of many people today and that energy will never be enough. But the conservation of birds and plants does not always seem to entail any strong feelings about them, or even any pleasure in them.

Many conservation scientists seem more concerned with numbers than with the individual birds and flowers. Some ornithologists are unable to go out into the countryside without grieving over the decline of a species, rather than enjoying the members of it that are still singing and nesting in the hedges.

Pleasure must precede conservation, or conservation itself will not continue. There is an excellent scheme under way now in the National Trust to take children from the inner cities out to visit their properties and acquaint them with the countryside. The trust has found that sometimes not only the children, but their parents too, have never in their lives ventured further than the city streets.

The charity Common Ground, which helped Mabey with his book, has done much good work in encouraging people to take an interest in their environment, both in town and country. It has inspired hundreds of local groups to make maps of their streets or villages, registering the sites of plants and the haunts of birds and animals, as well as any human customs or practices connected with wildlife. These groups have not only produced maps on paper, but also models, embroideries and other kinds of record.

It is no use trying artificially to produce new folklore. Perhaps Common Ground goes too far when it organises Tree Decoration Days, on which the locals are urged to deck selected trees with every kind of ornament. But we can applaud the farmer whose fields were over-run by ragwort, the tall, venomous flower that causes half the cases of stock poisoning in Britain. He sold it in his farmshop as "summer gold" - and it went home to hundreds of town vases. And if your cow suffers ragwort-fever, try ivy, as Mabey reports from Shropshire; or just read some John Clare and hope that his "humble flower" will "litter gold" in our minds for many more centuries to come. One more way to "rub along" with nature.

COMMONWEALTH WEAKNESS The message from New York to Nigeria must be clear

Commonwealth foreign ministers meet this evening in New York to decide whether to go ahead with the sanctions they threatened to impose on Nigeria in May. All the signs are that they will fear to confront the issue. The eight-nation Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group has repeatedly warned General Sani Abacha that, unless he admits a factfinding delegation and gives it full opportunity to talk to the opposition, to political prisoners and to all those agitating for the restoration of democracy, it will recommend the immediate imposition of a range of punitive measures. The recent barren visit by Commonwealth Secretariat officials have now confirmed that General Abacha is determined to thwart any such visit. Morally and politically Nigeria now deserves the full weight of the Common-

wealth's condemnation. There is little hope, however, that the New York meeting will reach this conclusion. The action Group is itself hopelessly divided. Members such as Canada are losing patience with Nigeria's prevarications, and say that only a tough approach will bring results. But others, especially the Africans, are now back-pedalling, worried by the precedent of intervention into an African country's affairs and suspicious that under the guise of human rights white Commonwealth nations are trying to tell black

members how to run their countries. To avoid an open split, Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Secretary-General, has been doing all he can to play down the threat of sanctions in order to get a dialogue started. But there is little room for compromise. Unless the delegation is allowed access to Chief Moshood Abiola, General Olusegun

Obasanjo and others detained without trial, it might as well stay at home. It is still unclear whether the ministers would be able to tell General Abacha face-to-face of the strength of feeling in the Commonwealth.

Nigerians themselves are increasingly in despair. The country is falling into ruin, plundered by thieving politicians, terrorised by criminal gangs and lawless soldiers. abandoned by civil servants with neither the money nor the incentive to repair the crumbling infrastructure. The finest writers, doctors, thinkers and public servants have left. Nigerian business is now so corrupt, its extortions and attempts to solicit brides abroad now so blatant, that few Western investors see any point in risking their capital. Demonstrations and strikes have proved ineffective. And even the determination by the Commonwealth to force a showdown has melted away.

General Abacha is ready to sit out the confrontation, counting on weariness and indifference overseas to undermine sanctions. In truth, however, the measures proposed were never more than pinpricks, irritants to Nigeria's pride rather than threats to the junta's income and privileges. Only a freezing of all their ill-gotten assets overseas, coupled with an oil embargo, would hurt.

Britain, which still does good trade with Nigeria, has simply wrung its hands, insisting that such a move would never work as long as America buys 40 per cent of its oil from Nigeria. The Commonwealth appears more worried by the appearance of unity among its members than in following up its declarations with action that becomes more necessary by the day.

MICHAELMAS LEGIONS

'Michael and his angels fought against the dragon' Revelation

lichaelmas, the Feast of St Michael and all Angels, can seem little more than a traditional name for the autumn term in the legal and academic world. Yet the angels have not left us; these legions of spiritual beings still haunt our imaginations, and not only at Christmas.

In an early novel, The Time of the Angels, Iris Murdoch commented that "when God is dead, then the angels are abroad" - a hint that when belief in God as the creator and sustainer of the universe wanes, then there is a vulnerability to domination by lesser spiritual powers. The world of science fiction confirms a readiness to discern a world populated by varieties of super-human beings.

The biblical word "angel" in both Hebrew and Greek means "a messenger". The story in Genesis of Jacob's dream portrays the angels of God moving up and down a ladder between Heaven and Earth. The increasingly elaborate pictures of heaven in Jewish apocalyptic literature depict the angels as members of a heavenly court, absorbed in prayer and praise. Satan himself originates the member of that court with a licence from God to test and try the servants of God.

as in the Book of Job. The cherubim, who bear up the chariotthrone of God, are strange winged creatures. like the winged bull-gods of Assyria - a far distance from the pudgy putti of baroque art The seranhim or the "burning, fiery

guard the awesome majesty of the Divine Presence. As God becomes depicted less anthropomorphically, and so is seen as more mysterious and remote, the religious imagination elaborates the realm of angelic beings - nine orders from angels and archangels up to the cherubim and seraphim. The Greek world also thought of inter-

mediate beings, the daemons. As this language passed into Christian discourse, the angels and the daemons came to be opposed, the personifications of the powers of good and evil. Angels represented hierarchy and order, a sacred order through which the light of God shines, and which is the ladder by which we are drawn to reflect his likeness. Hierarchy may not be a popular word today, but the sacred order of which it speaks is, we should remember, that which stands opposed to anarchy. It is not a rigid imprisonment, but the service of the God of love which St Augustine dared to

call our perfect freedom. The war in heaven between Michael and his angels and the forces of evil, represented by the dragon, is a spiritual warfare between the uniting and transforming principle of sacrificial love, and the divisive and destructive anarchy whose allure is a specious and deceitful freedom. To believe in angels is to believe that human beings are not the only personal order created by God, and that God acts towards us through these intermediaries, the agents of his love and his

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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school standards

From Mr Michael Stern, MP for Bristol North West (Conservative)

Sir, Lord Skidelsky's article, "Let sink schools go private" (September 20; see also letters, September 23), was penetrating in its analysis of the continuing failure of governments for the last hundred years to deliver a remotely acceptable state education system in our cities, but less convincing in its conclusions.

It quite rightly pointed out that the resent system encourages cheating. When government, local authorities, teachers and administrators all have a vested interest in seeing examination standards "rise" every year, it is hard-ly surprising if the real quality of education takes second place.

Yet in the mid-1980s, when the late Lord Joseph, as Secretary of State for Education, made the modest proposal of external and measurable criteria for each grade at public examinations, it was that same education establishment which ensured that his idea was buried as quickly and as deep as possible. Of course we all welcome rising numbers and grades of examination passes, since they make everyone feel comfortable; what they have to do with the quality of education is more doubtful.

I must also part company with Lord Skidelsky's sadly predictable conclusion that education vouchers would solve these problems. Without selection of pupils by schools, vouchers (which can be enforced as a method of payment) can only lead to a decline in the quality of those schools that are already oversubscribed; with selection, they become an irrelevance. This is why authorities enforce catchment areas (sorry, "areas of prime responsibility") and "admissions criteria" on already popular schools; it is also why there is no quick answer to the decline in educational standards other than the slow process of raising them in as many schools as possible.

Currently misspent funds (as Lord Skidelsky rightly implies, there is no real shortage of money in the system) need to be reapplied towards providing each school with the teachers and materials the school judges that it needs. The intervention of national cartels - such as pay review bodies, union recognition agreements and standard conditions of service — can only hinder this process.

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL STERN, House of Commons.

From Mr Mark Hurst

Sir, Lord Skidelsky's article, it seems to me, is based on the dangerous premise that educational standards can only be judged on examination resuits. Should not the quality of education be judged more by the relative concept of "value added" than by such absolute measures?

GCSE and A-level results inevitably reflect the contrasting cohorts of pupils that enter the two systems. The intake of independent schools tends to come from financially privileged families with high-achieving parents and by offering a varied range of fiscal incentives these schools attract the most able students. If state schools had similar intakes and class sizes, there is no reason why equivalent, if not better, results could not be achieved.

Yours faithfully, MARK HURST Winton Fields, Winton Street, Alfriston, nr Polegate, East Sussex.

From Sir Cyril Taylor, Chairman of the Technology Colleges Trust

Sir, Simon Jenkins's article supporting neighbourhood comprehensive schools, "Devil take the rejects" (September 18), fails to address a number of

Despite the general improvement in examination results, one third of 16year-olds do not achieve even one A to C grade at GCSE. These low-achievers are generally concentrated in some 500 inner-city comprehensives where overall standards are low, and which are uncopular with parents. It is clearly unfair to require pupils to attend these schools simply because their parents live nearby.

By contrast, some one third of comprehensives are popular, receiving many more applications than they have places. Inevitably they have to choose their pupils. To try to turn the clock back by restricting the number of applications to popular schools by reducing the size of their catchment area would be an unfair and retrograde step.

Since secondary school pupils have different interests, abilities and aptitudes there should be a wide choice of different types of schools. This doesn't mean bringing back an 11-plus style of education and dividing schools into selective and non-selective; a school can still be comprehensive in its intake while offering a particular curriculum focus, as do the new technology and language colleges. Indeed in an ideal world every school would have a particular curriculum strength to

A decent education will not be achieved by requiring some unfortunate parents to send their children to a poor school. The answer is surely either to close failing schools, perhaps reopening them under new management, or to require them to improve their standards.

Yours sincerely. CYRIL TAYLOR, Chairman, Technology Colleges Trust, 17 Outeen's Gate, SW7.

Unequal quality of Night at the opera — or perhaps not

months in advance. However, refunds

I have been affected three times this

year because of Covent Garden's hap-

less track record. I am now reluctant

Sir, Having spent the previous evening at the Royal Opera House, I was encouraged by your report from the

Liberal Democrat Conference, "Car-

digans give way to bright young suits"

(September 24), indicating that the

shabby look may not necessarily be

Possibly the example set by the

young politicians, who decided to

wear apparel appropriate to the occa-

sion at their conference, may event-

ually influence, and for the better, the kind of lumpen bohemians I saw in

the audience at the performance of La

Crumpled shirts and sweaty pull-

overs hanging loosely over jeans are

not the most suitable attire to enhance

the festive spirit of an otherwise not at

I dare say gentlemen of England so

arrayed are making some kind of

statement, especially the very tall gent

in floppy shirt and trousers who wore

a working-class cloth cap, albeit turn-

ed the wrong way round, during the entire evening. But what is it?

era House might well give some

thought to this not all that minor mat-

ter, if not for now then for its refur-

bished future.

September 25.

I am, Sir, yours etc, GEORGE CLARE,

The management of the Royal Op-

all cheap visit to Covent Garden.

are not made if artists cancel.

to commit my time and money.

Yours faithfully,

September 26.

JOHN CROMPTON,

From Mr George Clare

the politically correct one.

14d Donovan Avenue, N10.

From Mrs Ailene S. Hunter

Sir, I am delighted that Rodney Milnes (Arts, September 23) appreciates and has drawn attention to the difficulties posed for those Wagner addicts who live beyond commuter distance of Covent Garden, by the Royal Opera's Ring cycles being so spaced out. Even the more compact third cycle is spread over ten days (October 24 to November 2).

In contrast, New York's Metropolitan Opera advertises at least one cycle for 1997 which will be completed over

Having been deprived of the third and fourth instalments of a Jones/ Lowery Ring locally at Scottish Opera a few years ago, I would have been particularly interested to be able to see that team's later, complete view as produced by this "national" opera company our taxes help to fund.

Given the relatively high cost of tickets for Covent Garden and of internal flights and accommodation in this country, a trip to New York could be the most economical option in both time and expense for those living outwith the London area.

Yours faithfully, AILENE S. HUNTER, 7 The Grove, Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire. September 24.

From Mr John Crompton

Sir, Your report (later editions, Sept-ember 26) of the withdrawal by Roberto Alagna and Angela Gheorghiu from La Bohème at Covent Garden mentions that Alagna also withdrew from two performances of Don Carlos in the summer.

Earlier in the year the singers due to appear in the title roles of Aida and Arabella also withdrew after the tickets had gone on sale.

To be sure of hearing favourite sing-ers it is necessary to book several

Surgeons' standards

Sir, The President of the Royal College

of Surgeons (letter, September 21) ac-

claims training of surgeons in this

country as "second to none" and ex-

pects "open and fair competition" to

ensure that adequately trained sur-

geons will be appointed to NHS con-

Sadly, there is now a serious short-

ge of well trained UK postgraduate

doctors, not only in surgery but in

many disciplines. The reasons are

various, but the strict government

control on medical manpower since

the NHS was founded is, in my view,

Consequently many advertisements

for consultant posts attract either no

applicants or inadequately trained

foreign doctors. Pressure from lay and medical members on appointment

committees for NHS consultants can

result in unsatisfactory appointments,

because the assessor from a Royal

From Dr Alan B. Shrank

sultant posts.

a maior factor.

College has no power of veto.

6/8 The Street, Dalham, Newmarket, Suffolk.

The only way an assessor can stop such an appointment is to leave the appointment committee before any vote is taken, so rendering the committee ultra vires. Few doctors are that

This emphasises a long-standing problem facing the public, the difficulty in discovering whether the hospital doctor caring for them is competent. Doctors' name badges, if worn, rarely declare the doctor's grade or the level of training, let alone where the training was received.

The public's lack of knowledge of the grades and quality of training makes it even more difficult for them to know whether they are receiving an appropriate quality of medical care.

Yours sincerely, A. B. SHRANK (Vice-President, Hospital Consultants and Specialists Association), 20 Crescent Place, Town Walls. Shrewsbury, Shropshire. September 21.

Realism and the IRA

From Mr Maritz Vandenberg

Sir, The IRA calls itself an army, kills like an army, and is careful to use military terminology when describing its murderous operations. Its members are soldiers who have chosen to exchange the rules of civil society for those of the battlefield.

Let this be remembered every time we hear criticism from civil libertarians and the media following incidents such as the shootings on Gibraltar. or this week in London (leading article, September 24).

Yours faithfully, M. VANDENBERG, 21a Gwendolen Avenue. Putney, SW15. September 25.

Conscious machines From Mr Ralph Blumenau

Sir, Mr David Cathcart (letter, September 26) is surely wrong: the test of whether a machine is conscious is not whether we love it (I love my word processor - my wife calls it "the Other Woman"), but whether it loves us (I am not at all sure that it recipro-

I can't assume Lilo: "Love in, Love out".

Yours faithfully, RALPH BLUMENAU. !!! Princes House, 50 Kensington Park Road, WII.

As she is writ

From Miss M. H. J. Oliver

Sir, This week the Director of this college received two packages from the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority addressed to "The Principle". The information she received concerned "Standards for Assessing Spoken English".

Yours faithfully, M. HERMIONE OLIVER, Royal College of Music, Prince Consort Road, SW7. September 25.

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Ever-open hand From Professor D. G. Larman

Sir, The following story gives a further insight into that wonderful mathematician, Paul Erdős (Obituary, eptember 25).

In the early 1960s, when I was a student at UCL, Erdös came to visit us for a year. After collecting his first month's salary he was accosted by a beggar on Euston station, asking for the price of a cup of tea. Erdős removed a small amount from the pay packet to cover his own frugal needs and gave the remainder to the beggar.

Yours faithfully, D. G. LARMAN, University College London, Department of Mathematics, Gower Street, WCI.

This vale of tears From Mr Peter J. Witchell

Sir. What with being unable to negotiate the streets of London for fear of tripping over rubbish (report, July 30), and now suffering from being called a "luvvie" (report, September 21), I reckon that the millionaire Trevor Nunn must be leading a pretty stressful life.

Yours sincerely, P. J. WITCHELL The Old School House, Owston Road, Knossington, Oakham, Leicestershire. September 22.

Incelibate Popes

From Professor Keith Kyle

Sir, Your report of September 21, listing incelibate Popes [see also letter, September 25] might with advantage have mentioned Felix V (1439-1449), regarded by some as an antipope, from whom the entire royal house of

Italy was sprung. Felix, who in secular life was the first Duke of Savoy, took the papacy (from what he recognised as the Conclave) as a retirement job when not himself in holy orders. He had been married with children, founding a line which supplied a unified Italy with her kings.

Yours sincerely, KEITH KYLE, 25 Oppidans Road, NW3. September 21.

Verse and Vivaldi enrich Radio 3

From Professor Denis Stevens

Sir, May I remind you that September 29 marks not the 50th anniversary of Radio 3, but the birth of the utterly unique Third Programme (letters,

September 21, 25).
Those who were in any way connected with it will surely acknowledge the guiding role played by Sir William Haley, who after only a few years saw his ethereal creation imitated by many continental radio stations and

even envied in America. Supervising pre-classical music in those distant days, I am happy to have lived to see two composers (then little known) come into their own: Monteverdi and Vivaldi. Although my brief at that time stretched from Leonin in the 12th century to Reger in our own, I

was basically an "early-music expert".
I also recall from 1952 the first-ever professional production of Monteverdi's Orfeo anywhere in the world, given with the right metre, tempi and spirit, which influenced for the good all subsequent versions.

Similarly, in 1953, our broadcast of 12 Vivaldi concertos (L'Estro Armonico complete), with audible organ and harpsichord continuo, would undoubtedly have gained the composer's

cordial approval. The richness of Monteverdi's and Vivaldi's continuo sections may sometimes be heard in the concert hall, but . never now on the air. Nevertheless something of the Third has stuck somewhere.

Yours sincerely. DENIS STEVENS (Producer, BBC Music Division, 1949-54) The Quadrangle, Morden College, SE3. September 25.

From Mr Tim Dee

Sir, Far from "abandoning" poetry (Mr Patrick Howarth's letter, September 25), Radio 3 is as active as it ever has been in championing poetry in all areas: commissioning, broadcasting, discussing and reviewing.

As part of the forthcoming celebration of The Third at Fifty, five of the finest poets writing in English today have each been commissioned to write a 20-minute-long radio poem, Five Poems for Fifty Years, and the network's history of poetry commissioning will be profiled in a special docu-

mentary, Third Words. As regards regular poetry programon Radio 3 we broadcast the weekly Best Words, presenting the latest poetry arrivals and reviewing established poets. During the past year the network's occasional but regular poetry series has profiled poets and themes including Seamus Heaney on Ovid and Tony Harrison on the sonnet, and celebrated and reappraised classic work - for example the recent Juvenal satires newly translated by Ranjit Bolt and Richard Holmes's feature on the lesser-known Coleridge.

As it always has been, Radio 3 remains committed to poetry, a role endorsed by today's poets and respected and enjoyed by listeners.

Yours faithfully. TIM DEE (Senior Producer, Literary Programmes), BBC Radio 3. Broadcasting House, WI. September 26.

Making the news

From the Head of News Programmes, BBC

Sir, I read in The Times (The Listener, Media and Marketing, September 25) of "rumours" that the BBC's Six O'Clock News and Nine O'Clock News programmes are shortly to be "relaunched", that we are trying to "poach" Trevor McDonald from ITN, and that we are considering plans to "popularise" the news with "themed programmes, surveys and more per-

sonality newscasters". It seems a pity to let the facts spoil a good story, but not one of these suggestions is true.

Yours etc. PETER BELL Head of News Programmes, British Broadcasting Corporation, Television Centre, Wood Lane, W12. September 26.

Road to fame

From Mr David John Fuller

Sir, If Elaine Paige is really ambitious (letters, September 19, 25, 26) should she not consider the title role in Stop the World, I Want to Get Off?

Yours faithfully, DAVID JOHN FULLER, Thornfield, 26 Shearbank Road. Blackburn, Lancashire.

Putting off the style

From Professor Emeritus Leslie Collier

Sir, "Short of retreating to the Amish community for the past two years, it has been impossible to avoid the influence of Gucci" (Style, September 25). I, and no doubt some others, have managed quite well without going to

this extreme. Yours faithfully, LESLIE COLLIER. 8 Peto Place, Regent's Park, NWI. September 25.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 27: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Irish Regiment, this afternoon received Lieutenant-Colonel Jeremy Brooks upon assuming the appointment of Commanding Officer Ist Battalion.
His Royal Highness. Colonel-in-Chief. The Royal Irish Regiment, afterwards received Lieutenant-Colonel Keigen.

nel Keiran McCann upon assuming the appointment of Commanding Officer 4th Battalion. BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 27: The Princess Royal, Patron, National Association of Citi-Patron, National Association of Citi-zens Advice Bureaux, this morning attended the Annual General Meet-ing at the University of York. Heslington, York, and was received by Mr Kenneth Dixon (Deputy Lieutenant of North Yorkshire). Her Royal Highness this afternoon attended the Seminar "Food Agri-culture and Agribusiness — Future Challenges and Opportunities" at the Challenges and Opportunities" at the Royal Agricultural College.

Cirencester, and was received by Colonel Richard Coxwell-Rogers (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of KENSINGTON PALACE

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 27: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the Royal Scottish Society for
Prevention of Cruelty to Children,
this afternoon visited the Society's
Killen Family Resource Centre,
Avoch, Ross-shire.
Her Royal Highness was received
by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of
Ross and Cromarty (Captain Roderick Stirling of Fairburn).
THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND FARE September 27: Princess Alexandra September Zi: Princess Alexandra this morning visited the families of Servicemen and Servicewomen presently, serving in Bosnia with the ACE. Rapid Reaction Corps, in Rheindahlen, Germany.

The Lady Mary Mumford and Captain Neil Blair, R.N. were in attendance.

Royal engagements

TODAY: Princess Alexandra will attend Ascot Races, Berkshire, and present The Queen's Trophy for The Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at

TOMORROW: The Princess Royal, Patron, BT Global Challenge, will start the race from the ferry Duc de Normandie off Gilkecker Point. Southampton Water, at 10.50.

The Linbury Trust

The Linbury Trust has appointed Dr Anthony Cleare as Senior Research Fellow in Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. Dr Cleare, who is currently a lecturer at King's College School of Medicine and Dendstry and the Institute of Psychiatry, will begin his four year Fellowship on January I, 1997.

Service dinners

RN College Greenwich Sir Paul Condon, accompanied by Lady Condon, was the principal guest at a ladies guest night dinner held last night at the college. The Queen's Gurkha Engineers'

Amochition
Brigadier J.H. Edwards presided at a dinner of the association held last night at the Staff College, Camberley, to mark the handover of the Colonel of the Regiment from Major-General R.L. Peck to Major-General A.D. Pigon

Riddlesworth Hall School

Riddlesworth Hall School is holding a 50th anniversary reunion luncheon on Saturday, November 2, 1996, at 12.30pm. Tickets/details. contact Mrs Patricia Wood, Headmistress, tel: (0/953) b81246.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY Lord Abinger, 82; Sir Nigel Althaus, former Government Bro-ker. 17; MIss Brigitte Bardot, actress, 62; Mr Joe Benton, MP, 63; Professor Sir Colin Berry, marbid anatomist, 59; Lady Braye, 55; the Duke of Buccleuch, KT, 73; Sir Robin Buchanan, former chairman. NHS Supplies Authority Wessex Regional Health Authority, 66: Lord Cockfield, 80; Mr Erik Comas, racing driver, 33; Mr Peter Egan, actor, 50; Dame Phyl-lis Friend, former chief nursing officer, DHSS, 74: Lieutenar General S.C. Grant, 52: Mr Mika Hakkinen, racing driver, 28; Sir David Hannay, diplomat, 6i; Mr Lyndon Harrison, MEP, 49; Dr R.B. Heywood, director, British Antarctic Survey, 59; Sir Trevor Husber Survey, 59; Sir Trevor Hughes, water engineer, 71; Sir Jeremy Isaacs, general director. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, 64: the Earl of Listowel. 90; Mrs Alice Mahon, MP, 59; Miss Ellen Malcolm, painter, 73: Mr Marcello Mastroianni, actor. 72; Sir Peter Miller, former chairman. Lloyd's of London. 66; Miss Mary Moon, former Head-mistress, Manchester High School for Girls, 64; Major E.S. Orr Ewing, Lord-Lieutenant of Wig-

TOMORROW Signor Michelangelo Antonioni. film director, 84: Air Marshal Sir David Atkinson, 72: Lord Avebury. 68; Sir John Balcombe, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 71; Mr Richard Bonynge, conductor, 66: Mr Chris Broad, cricketer, 39: Mr Sebastian Coe. MP and former athlete, 40; Mr John Dawes, rugby

ceach, 56: Mr Colin Dexter, author. 66; Professor Dorothy Emmet. philosopher. 92: Professor R.J. Evans, historian, 49: Mr Alasdair Fraser, QC, Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland, 50; the Very Rev Andrew Herron, former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 87; Miss Patricia Hodge. actress, SO: Dr R.A. Hodges, archaeologist, 44; Professor R.V. Jones, CH, FRS, natural philosopher, 85: Mr H.N.L. Keswick. chairman, Matheson and Company, 58; Mr Jimmy Knapp, trade unionist, 56; Viscount Lambert, 84; Mr Murray McLaggan, Lord-Lieutenant of Mid Glamorgan, 67; Mr Rhodri Morgan, MP, 57; Dr Colin Niven, Headmaster, Alleyn's School, 55; Canon Paul Oestreicher, former chairman, British section. Amnesty International, 65; Sir Michael Par-tridge, civil servant, 61; Mr Statesman and Society, 42: MT Peter Rigby, chairman and group managing director, Specialist Computer Holdings, 53: Mr David Stormonth Darling, director and formerly chairman, Mercury Asset Management Group, 64: Mrs Phyllis Taylor, educationist, 70; Dr Morag Timbury, former director. Central Public Health Laboratory, 66: Mrs Sarah Tvacke, Keeper of Public Records, 51: Mr Lech Walesa.

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former President of Poland, 53.

Tribute to victims of violence was dean's idea

The Queen to unveil **Abbey** memorial

By AUDREY MAGEE IKEIAND CORRESPONDENT

VICTIMS of domestic vio-lence, the Holocaust, Bosnia and Dunblane will be commemorated in Westminster Abbey next month when the Queen unveils a calligraphic work by an Irish sculptor.

Kenneth Thompson, of Carrigtohill, Cork, is finishing the memorial which will be outside the abbey's west door, next to the tomb of the Unknown Warrior. The Dean of Westminster,

the Very Rev Michael Mayne, who has been working on the project for five years, said: "I believe this century has seen more victims of violence than any other. We have seen some dreadful wars, we have had appalling violence and refugees have been fleeing their homes all over the world. We need a way of remembering all of those people.

The dean said he had the idea for a memorial while holidaying in the Dolomite mountains in Italy. He contacted Mr Thompson and together they drew up plans for a larger-than-life statue of a woman and child fleeing to the Abbey for safety. This was rejected by Westminster Council. The two men have now agreed on a less flamboy-



Kenneth Thompson completing work on the memorial at his studio in Co. Cork

ant memorial which will be unveiled a few weeks before the dean retires. The £20.000 memorial bears an inscription on a

green slate flagstone. Set into the Abbey floor, the carving says: "Remember all innocent victims of oppression violence war". An inscription

from Lamentations from Jeremiah in the Old Testament will surround the main text. It reads: "Is it nothing to you all you who pass by".

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.J.M. Bentley and Miss A.N. Day The engagement is announced between Jamie, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Bentley, of Knaresborough. North Yorkshire. and Angela, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Day, of Instow.

North Devon.

MARK KELLEHER

Mr A.S. Borchardt and Miss C.R. Johnson The engagement is announced between Alexander, elder son of Dr and Mrs Felix Borchardt, of Fladbury, Worcestershire, and Caren, only daughter of Mr Kenneth Johnson, of Lincoln, and Mrs Carol Dodds, of Louth,

Lincolnshire. Mr D.J. Crossley-Holland and Miss S.A. Pearmon The engagement is announced between Dominic, younger son of Mr Kevin Crossley-Holland, of Burnham Market, Norfolk, and Mrs C.F. Hickey, of Seaborough,
Dorset, and Sophie, younger
daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony
Pearson, of Bath, Somerset.

Mr I. Edward and Miss H.M. Chapman The engagement is announced between lan, son of Mr and Mrs Arnold Edward, of Cheam, Surrey, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs lan Chapman, of Guildford, Surrey. Mr D.M. Coborne and Mim L.E.E. Eckner

The engagement is announced between Dominic Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs David A. Osborne. of Ashington, West Sussex, and Linda Eva Elisabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Clas G. Eckner,

Mr D. Hartley and Miss U.S. Rodden The engagement is announced between David, son of the late Mar and Mrs Jack Hartley, of Bornley, Lancashire, and Ursula, daugner of Dr and Mrs Bob Rodden, of Saffron Walden, Essex

Mr A.E.W. Smith and Miss L.M. Wardle The engagement is announced between Adrian, elder son of M Christopher Smith and the Mrs Gillian Smith, Rickmansworth, Hertfordsin, and Lucinda, elder daughter of the Roger Wardle, of Cambridge, and Mrs Mary Toll, of Little Shelfing

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Marriages

Mr G.F. Gilson and Miss J.L. de Rohan and Miss J.L. de Rohan
The marriage took place of the place of the Church, St John's Wood, of Misses Sabriel Frederick Gilson, your gest son of Mr Trevor Gilson, of Netley Abbey, Southampton, and Mrs Parnela Gilson, of Hydra Southampton, to Miss Julie Long de Rohan, younger daugher of Miss Julie Long. de Rohan, younger daughter of Mand Mrs Maurice de Rohan, d'à John's Wood, London.

Mr R. O'Hegarty and Miss J. Wortley The marriage took place on Sa-urday. September 21, at Ample forth Abbey, Yorkshire, of Mr Rory O'Hegarty to Miss July

Wortley.
The bride was attended by Charlotte O'Hegarty, Isabela O'Hegarty, Georgia Blood and Claudia Strange. Mr Ross Goe

Mr William S. (Bill) Smith -

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr William S. (Bill) Smith, CChem, FRSC, PCIWEM, Master of the Company of Water Conservators 1995-6, will

be held on Thursday, October Mar St Michael's, Cornhill, at 4.00pm The Rev Adrian Hopwood, Hongary Chaplain of the Company, will officiale.

Church services tomorrow

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (St Michael and All Angels)

BELFAST CATHEDRAL: 10 M, Have mercy upon me (Morley): 11 S Euch, Ave verum (Byrd). Jackson in G, O sweetest Jeni (Gregory: 3.30 Choral E, Brewer In D, Evening Hymn (Gardiner). BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL 9 MP. 9.15 HC. 11 Choral Euch, Sisiner in A. Biesed art thou (I. Choral Euch, Sisiner in A. Biesed art thou (II. Choral E. Nobje in A (No. I). War in Heaven (Cox).

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BLACKHURN CATTERDRAL: 8 HC: 9.15 Chural M: 10.30 Euch. Missa Acterna Chrisi Munera Praiestrina), Canon R Parfire. Choral E. There was war in heaven (Cox). Bishop R Millier.

BRECON CATHEDRAL: 8 HOY Euch: 11 Holy Such, Francis Jackson, The Dean; 3.30 E, Henry Purcell in 8 flat, Ascribe unto the Lord (Travers).

BRISTOL. CATHEDRAL: 7.40 M: 8 HC; 10 Choral Euch. Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Canon A Endertra: J30 Choral E, Blair in B minor, Patram ett vileofium (Dering).

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CHELLESPORD CATHEORAL: 7.30 MF. 8 HC. 9.30 Euch, Bishop D Bond: 11 Ordination of Descons & Priesta. Wood in the Phrygian mode. Litany (Tallis), Are verum (Mozari). God be in my head (Rutter). The Archdeacon of Harlow; 6 Choral E. Fira Service (Weeles). Pactum estimatum (Dering). Rev I Moody.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL! 7.45 L. 8 Choral Euch, Schubert in G. Canon O Corway; 11,30 Choral M., Chester Pestival Te Deum (Piccolo). Canon Toennis: 3.30 Choral E. Collegium Regale (Howells). Christ the fair glory of the Holy Angels (Bullock): 6.30 Evening. The Dean.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL! 8 HC. 10 M. (Ireland in C., Exultate Just (Vladars), Rev G. (Hill.): 13 Euch. Schubert in C., Jay Ilee very chought of thee (Barstow). The Treasurer: 3.30 E, Brewer in Elan, Paire Is the beaven (Horris).

COVENTER: CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MF. 8 E. Brewer In E (fat. Faire Is the beaven (Harrist. COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP. 8 Communion: 10.30 Euch. Salve Regina (Langlais). Factum en silendum (Derring, Rev's Barrington-Ward: 5.30 E à Procession. Wood In flat. Coventry Antiphon (Howells). DERBY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.45 S Euch. Schubert in G. O quam gloriosum (Victoria). Rev's Barriy: 6.30 E, Howells In G, Rejolec In the Lord alway (Redford). The Ven I Garlord. BURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. Canon M. Perry: 9 MP: 10 Ordination. A New People's Mass

(Minray). Are verum corpus (Eigar), Jesu the very thought of thee (Bairstow). Rev Fr J Ewer; 3.30 E. The Second Service (Byrd). Factum est stiendum (Dering)
ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC, The Presentor; 10.30 S Euch. Little Organ Mass (Mozard, Factum est stiendum (Dering), Rev J Inge, The Dean; JAS E & Installation, Stanford in A. Angels (Tavener): 6.30 Taize-style worship, Rev J Inge. Inge.

EXETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 8 Buch, Stanford in C & F. Draw nigh (Perguson), The Dean; 1). 13 M, Stanford in F. Give its the wings of faith (Bullock). The Priest Vicar: 3 E. Stanford in C. Ley to round the throne: 8.30 Evening. Preb N Jackson-Stevens. Preb N Jackson-Stevens,
GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30
Ordination, Missa Brevis in # Bat (Mutarit, ReM Tavinor; 3 E. Stanford in 8 Cat. How lovely is
thy dwelling place (Brahms).
GHILDFORD CATHEDRAL: # HC. Bev / Claric
10.30 Ordination & S. Euch. Rife A setting
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quam gloticsum (Vinora): 6.30 E. Stanford in
G. Christ the July glory (Millington), Rev Fr R
Frost. TORI.

COMPIELO CATHEORAL: S HC; 10.30 S Eoch, innford in B flat, Pactum est silentium Derlang. O Lorde give thy Holy Spirit (Pallis), reb R Bould: 3.30 E. Stanford in A. For he shall the his anests (Nemdelstachn). give his angels (Mendelsson). LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 8 MP & HC: 10.30 Euch, Canon M Boyling; 3 Choral E. The Deam: 4 HC.

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LIANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & Litery;
\$1,2,15 Holy Euch. The Deart: 11 5 Euch, Missa
Brevis (Mathias), And there was war in heaven
(Campbell). Rev M Tomilinson: 3.30 Choral E.
Third Service (Knort, a Sequence for 51 Michael
Howeltis: 6.30 Parish E a Sermon. Rev N Court. (Howelds: 6.30 Parish & a Sermon, Rev N Court. Manchester CATHEORAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC: 10.30 \$ Euch, Ireland in C. Factorn est ellentum (Dering), Canon P Denby; 6.30 EP. NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8 HC. Canon & Langley; 9.30 Ordination of Descons, Rev Dr C Anights: 6 Chorol & N. Eviport Cathedral: 8 HC: 10.30 M, Gray in A, Worthy is the Lamb; 64.00 ki 6.30 \$ Eych, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Ego sum panis vivus (Falestrine). (Palestrina).

NORWICH CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP: 8,9.15 HC: 10.30 Ordination of Descors. Darke in E. God keep you (Dugdais). Library (Nicholas). O Angel's song (Wilby). Canon J Tedey: 3.30 Festal. E. Magdalen Service (Leighton). Christ the full glory (Bullock). Canon M Perham: 6.30 Young People's Euch.

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PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC: 9.30
M, Stanford in 8 flat: 10.30 Euch, Missa Brevis
(Kelly), Faire is the heaven (Hauris). The Dean:
3.30 E. The Dorian Service (Stward, Facuta est
silentium (Dening).

RIPON CATHEDRAL: 8 Ench 9.30 Parish Euch
sung to Darke in F. Tantum ergo (the Severad,
Rev D Murfet: 11.30 M, Darke in F. And I saw a
new heaven (Balmon): 12.30 Euch, Rev J Thom:
5.30 E Purcell in 8 flat, Angels (Tavener), Canon
M Clanville-Smith.
ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30

Mass for four voices (Byrd), see D'williams 3,15 E. Jesu grant me this I pray (Whitlock), Blair in B minor, Factum est stlendum (Dering); 7 Girl Ghoristers Sponsored Concert. minor, Factum est silentium (Dering): 7 Girl Choristers Sponsored Concent.

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 H.C. CADON P. Roberts: 10 Euch. Missa Brevé in F (Mozard. Ave verum corpus (Mozard. Fr C Walsh: 11.30 M. Canon D Durston: 3 E. Murdill in E. Jesu dulcis memoria (Drayton).

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 H.C. 10 MP: 10.30 S Euch. Missa O Quam Gioriosum (Mistria), O Quam Gioriosum (Missa O Quam Gioriosum (Mistria), O Quam Gioriosum (Missa O Quam Gioriosum (Missa), Rev R D Jenkins; 11.45 Test for the Day 5.30 Festal E & Sermon. Sumston in A. Angels (Lole), The Ven M Parop. Southwark CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch. Esy H Crudiffe. 11 Choral Euch. Spatistemesses (Mozard. Justorum animae Byrd), O secrum convivum (Messisen), The Bishop: 3 Choral E. Stanford in G. Give us the wings of faith (Beillock), Rev H Cunliffe.

TRURGO CATHEDRAL: 8 H.C. 9 M: 10.5 Euch. O Secrum convivium (Messisen), Trumo Eucharts (Briggs). Ave verum corpus (Eglart, The Treesurer: 6 E. Fauthourdons (Milacock). Ascribe unito the Lord (Wessier), Canon M Cestal. Ascribe unito the Lord (Wessier), Canon M Cestal. WABEFFELD CATHEDRAL: R. T. The Truvos; 9.15 Parish Communion. Canon G National Messis (Durafé), The Provost: 6.30 Solema E. Jackson in G. O Lord. our Covernor (Stelby), Rev A Jennings.

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WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 S Each.
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[Bullock: 3 E & Thanksgiving, 31 Faul's Service
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R Rev J Thompson: 6 75th Anniversary for
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R Rev Thompson: 6 75th Ambrechty for Royal British Legion & Dedication of Standard. WEBTHANSTER ABBET: 8 HC. 10 M. Benedicte in 8 flat (Purceil). Factorn est silentium (Dering), Rev Prof J Richest I. 15 Ench. Derive in F. Let any prayer (Harris). For he shall give his angels (Mendelssonhi). Canon A Harver; 3 E. Stanford in A. Faire is the heaven (Harris). Canon A Harver; 5 AS Organ Recibal: 6-30 Revening. Visions of Hidegard*. WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 10-30 Solemn Mars, Missa (Estiva (Peters)). Frebs angelica (Tippett). Allegro (Mendelssonhi, Sonata 18,3-30 Solemn V & B., Magnificar octavi uni) (Tallis), Factus est silentium (Dering). Carillon de Longpont (Vierne): 4-30 Recital: WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. 10-30 M. Benedictus (Pauxbourdons) (Mozori). Wir glauben all (Bacht): 3-30 E. Stanford in C., How lovely are thy dwellings fair (Brahms). Archdescon of Basingstole. VORK MINSTER: 8, 8-48 HC. 10 S Ruch, Jeckson in G. Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow). Rev P. Hamilton: 11-30 M. Te Deum (Hossi, Jobilete in G. Glackson); 4 E. Ireland in F. Ractum est silentium (Dering), Rev L. Stanbridge.

IR DAVIDS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. 30 Cymun Bendigald, Yf Is-Ganon: 9-30 Parish Euch. The Succentor: 11,15 Choral M. Standord in B flat, Give us the wings of faith (Bullock). The Dean; 6

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ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark 8, 10, 6 LM: 11.30 Solemn Mass. L'Hora Passa (viadana), O laste and see (vaughan Williams, Rev G Bradley; 2 Ghanaian Mass, Fr J Enil.

ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL: 11 Morning Dedication & HC. Factum est stientim (Dering), Jubilare Deo (Howells), Agnus Dei (Howells), Rev R Frazer; 6 Evening, Rev R Frazer; 11 S Euch, Schubert in O, For he shail give his angels charge over thee (Mendelssohn), Rev J Halliburton; 3, 15 E, Wesley in E, Flebs angelica (Tippett), Rev J Less; 5, 15 Kectual.

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ALL SOULS, Langham Place, WI: 9
Communion: 11 Guest Service, Mr V Memons
6.30 Rev Prob R Berws.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, WI: 11
Missa exultate Deo (Consed, Plaim &
Goudine), Tantum ego in a fai (Bruchser).

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, 5W3: 8, 12.15 HC: 10
Children: 11 M. Rev Dr P Elvy, Behald the
Tabernacle of God (Harris); 6 E. Rev Dr P Elvy,
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Overs Garden, WCE: 11.15, 0.30 Rev 5 Hood.

THE GRATORY, Brumpton Road, 5W7: 7; 8, 9
COURT (HURCH OF MOST), Aveverum (Rigger) 12.30, 4.30, 7 Mass; 3.30 V & B,
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ARABERIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH, Frems
Gors WE: 11 Holy Mass, Archbishop Y
Girdan.

WESLEY'S CHAPKL City Kond, EC: 9.45 HG 11 Harvest Ferival, Rev F Crewe.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist),
SW1: 11 Rev E Fletcher, 6:30 Rev B Lucas.
ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, South
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ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Greisham
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Babylonis (Palestrina), O Domine Jesu Chris

STMARY'S, Bourne Street, SWJ: 9, 10, 7 LM: 11 RM, Missa Ingula (n \$ flat (Mozan), Pr G Oliver, 6 Soleran E & B. ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN. Primrose Hill: a HC: 10.30 Parish Euch, Collegiam Regale (Howells). Factom est alleadom, Rev D Jones: 6 EP.

ST PETERE, Eaton Square, SWI: 8.15 HC: 10 Family Euch; 11 S Euch, Messe (Martin), For be shall give his angels (Mendelssohn), Moso Cotinato (Petr Eben), Fr D Tillyer.

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WI: 8.15 HC: I is Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd). Factum est silentium (Dering), Fugue Ing D minor (Walond), Rev D Dewey.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracia, SWI: I M, Lead me Lord (Wesley), Sicul servis (Palestrina), Band of the Irish Guards, Rev L Bryan: I2 HC. ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwith, SEIO: 1) M. O. quam gloriosum (Vinorio). Bishop of Frentwood.

PERSONAL

A sensible person pure his trust in the Law, finding it reliable like the oracle of God. Ecclesiasticus 35 : 3

ALLHUSER - On 8th September, to Panda (nee Rac) and Christian, s ALSTER - On April 1st, at The Portland Hospital, to Sally (nee Nicholson) and Henri, a

and Francescs.

AMES - On September 7th
1996, to Elizabeth (née
Renshaw) and Christopher, a
son, Thomas, a brother for
Caroline and Alexandra.

BLAMPOSE CROSS - On September 22rd, to Earn lease
and Bradley Scandon-Cross,
a son, Frederick Charles. 23rd, to Louise (not Stumper) and Martin, a daughter, Anne Mary Emily

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COARTES - On 25th September,
to Madeleins and John, a
son, James Edward.
de VERE HUNIT - On September
23rd, to Julie and Peter, a
son, Felix Harry Peter, a
brother for Dulsy and
jumbilia.

EVANS - On September 13th 1996 to Emma (née Gomm) and Sam, a son, Alexander Thomas Colin, a brother for Bertie and Enry.

EVANS-THOMAS - On 25th September 1996, to Sarah (née Hopwood) and Richard, a son, George Alexander.

HELL - On 25th September, to Charlotte and Chris, a son, Samuel Miles Colingwood, a brother for Alexandra. groupe for Assessment.

RAEDA - On 22nd September
1996, to Karen (née
Deebank) and Jaspal, a
beautiful daughter, India
Elizabeth Grace, a sister for
Natraha.

NYERSOM - On September 24th at The Fortland Hospital, to Ingrid (née Lawrie) and Brian, a beautiful daughter, Georgia Alexa, a sister to Micholas

emi Tokert.

On September 18th, to Louise (née Price) and Robert, a beautiful daughter, Sophia Alexandra, a sister for Jessica and Georgia.

THOMRAS - On September 25th, to Vivica (née Robertson) and Angus, a son, Plors Florian Leslie, a Brother for Georgina and Rosie.

RIRTHS

WHISTON - On Tuesday September 17th 1996 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital to Jane-Mario (née Carver) and Neill, a daughter, Nancy Allos.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

and Ann, at Christ Church Sidcup, on 29th Septembe 1956. Now at Billericay.

GOLDEN **ANNIVERSARIES**

ADDIRECTT: TURNBULL - At Boly Trinity Bengeo, by Rev. Philip Turnbull, cousin of the brids. William Steart to jean Mary. With love and Congratulations from all the family - still faithfull to St. Mary's Plant.

AYAULESIASTIMMAN - D 28th September 1946 in London, Arthur to Anne, now at Pulborough West Sassez.

DEATHS

ERIKA

TANCZOS Peacefully at home on September 25th 1996. Beloved wife of Steve and mother to Stephan. Cremation at Medway Crematorium on Thursday Family flowers or donation the Heart of Kent Hospics clo Viner and Sons Ltd.

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DEATHS

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ter (née Rednish) "The last of the Warriors".

CRAME - On September 26th peacefully at the Cid House, Rest Home, Wormelow, Hereford, Pessy, formetly Boyle (née Beatie). Deatry loved mother of Hussen, Richard, Sheama and Elaine and grandmother and great-grandmother. Lady Mayoreas of Hereford 1955-1956. Enquiries (01432) 356445. The second of the late Reprendente of

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DRAKE - Abigail Mary BSc
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remation at Orion, Wednesday October 2nd at 11.30am. No flowers by request Domatons to For's Feneral, 10 Canada Road, Cromer, in aid of British Trust Conservation Volunteers. Trust Conservation Volunteers Conservation Volunteers CHLESPE - John (Izin) died peacefully at Michael Sobell House, Bestington, Oxford, on Thursday 26th September 1996. Darling Angela, only son of the late William Millar-Gillespie OBE Loving stephruther of Jeanifer, Caring uncle of William, Pheebe, Geoffrey, Anthony, and the late Trevoz Family flowers only, donations if desired to Michael Sobell House - Michael Sobell House

GREGORY - Paul Clement Commander, Royal Navy, Aged 52 years. On 23rd September, tragically by motor cycle accident. Much loved husband of Tideia. Will be lovingly remembered niways by all his family. All september 25 de 1990 de 1990 Funeral Service, (01752) 605550

MALLUM - Jean Lilian, MD, PECOC, of Renderman and formerly of Sorrento Maternity, on 24th September. Service at 5t. Columba, Chantry Road, Moseley, on Friday 4th, Cotober at 1130 am, followed by private reservation. No Course

followed by private cremation, No flowers HARBERSON - At Dr. Gray's Hospital, Light, so Thursday, September 26th. 1996.
George Chamberlain, aged 37 years, Dearly beloved husband of the intelligible of the footeness. The little of Roderick, Heather and Prometts. Function at Holy Trinity Church, Eigin, on Tuesday October 1st, at 1.30pm, thereafter to Right Cametery, All friends welcome, parking available at William Watson, Funeral Errectors, Rackfors Ross, 18gh.

Thursday 26th September 1996, peacefully at home after a long illness. Belowed wife of Isidore and mother of Ricky and Andy. Private themest. No threets as letters.

LEACH - John Michael, Councillor of Deal, Kent, suddenly and peacefully in California on September 22nd, aged 66. Much loved bethand, India, september and brother. Memorial Service at the Town Hall, Deal, at 2 pm on Monday, October 14th.

MASON - Margaret, formerly of High Wycombe, Bucks, died pencefully in the Accord Haspite, Equipment 25th. Funeral at 2pm October 4th, Woodside Cremitorium, 46 Brootaland Street, Paisley, Enquiries (0141) 689 2260, Dunations to Accord Hospite, Mesting Grounds, Hawkhead Road, Paisley, PAZ 7KL. MORRISON - Peacefully in hospital on September 26th 1996, George, very dear husband of Margaret and father of Neil The funeral will be private.

MOUKARZEL - Kamal, auddenly at home on Tuesday 24th September 1976. Belowed mustumd of Dairin (née Leigh-Bell) and much lowed fitter of tries. Bashir and Natalie. Funeral service Wednesday 2nd October 1996 at 11 am at Our Most Belly Redeemer and St. Thomas Moor - Cheyne Rry - Cheken SW 10Hound by burial service at Gunnersbury Cametery - Commerciary Avenue, Palme, Donations II desired to-preventative Cardiology Insuran Fund - Burtlaid Hospital, Middlesc UB9 6/H. Enquiries: [RKenyon (0171) 834 4624. MOUKARZEL Kamal,

owner - Percentity in London on 27th September 1996, Majorie (Mickle), aged 88 years, formerly of Chelsen-Funeral Service at Patney Vale Crematorium Wednesday 2nd October at 12 noon. Enquires to Chelles FD, 260% Falling Road, SWIO. (0171) 352 0008.

SRWELL - H.T.C. (Harry).
Pencefully in Ipswich
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SHAW - Major David James Sawyer, TD, on Thursday 26th September 1996, peacefully at home, aged 78. Dearly loved houseand of Audrey and a special steptistic of Markey and a special steptistic of Markey and a special steptistic. Thanksgiving Service at St. Glies Church, Goodrich on Friday 18th October at 12 noon. No flowers please, but donations, if wished, to St. Michael's Ecopice. L/o Abbotsfield Funeral Directors, Cantilupe Road, Ecos-cu-Wys, Hermordshire HRF 74H

TARBAT - Olga Viscountess Tarbat pearshilly on 26th September at Ludshott Court, Hampshire, Much Court, Hampshire, Much loved and missed by her sons Michael and John, sister Sonya, her stepdarghters Gilean and Julia and all her made to the country of th

1996, at Stracathro Hospital, Angue, David Henry, aged 70 years, formerly of Bramshaw, Hampshire, and Interior of Enriched Loved and missed by his only despiter Mools and Imme Helyer. Grandfather of Louise and Thomas.

THOMSON - Colin aged 51, died peacofully in hospital on September 25th. He will be questly missed by Jenny and all his friends and relations. Fusural survine or All Saints, Pathey Bridge, Fulham at 9.30 am on Thursday, October 3rd. Flowers or if preferred donations to The Multiple Follower Stokes.

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OBITUARIES

MUHAMMAD NAJIBULLAH

Mohammad Najibullah, former president of Afghanistan was executed in Kabul vesterday at the age of 49. He was born in the castern province of Paktia in 1947.

gainst the tide of Islamic sentiment to which he has now fallen victim, Muhammad Najibullah led the Soviet-backed regime in Afghanistan for six years from 1986. For this period he appeared almost to have succeednd in establishing a Commun-/Government — albeit a repressive one based on Soviet military might and economic support. Yet surprisingly, although once reviled as the "Butcher of Kabul" he had

survived long enough after the overthrow of his regime by Muslim Mujahidin guerrillas to perceive that some of his former subjects actually looked upon his time with nostalgia. This was particularly so of

women, who had enjoyed unprecedented freedom under his regime. With all its faults, communism granted them an equal place with men in the nation's affairs and Najibul-[]][|| lah had women in his Cabinet. His final defeat came as a result of the intrigues of Muslim neighbours and the ending of all Russian material

support in 1992. Muhammad Najibullah is the son of a chief of the Ašimadzai Ghilzai tribe, a middle-ranking governor in Paktia province. Much of his youth was spent there in the town of Gardez and in the Pakistani city of Peshawar in the North-West Frontier Province where he made longlasting friendships with Pathan tribal chiefs living on the Pakistani side of the border.

After graduating from the Habibia High School, in Kabul, in 1964, he entered university to study medicine. By then he was firmly under the influence of a Marxist intellecrual, Babrak Karmal, whom he would later dislodge as President

Najibullah took ten years to btain his medical degree in 975. His studies were interupted by periods of imprisonnent for agitation, including me for throwing missiles at he motorcade of Spiro Agnew. hen Vice-President of the Unied States. He never practised medicine. After joining the army for a short spell, he threw himself into full-time inderground activity on the



Najibullah holding up a copy of the Koran with a bullet hole in it at a Kabul press conference in 1987

side of Karmal's Parcham (flag) faction of the Communist People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA).

The agitation was at first aimed against the paternalistic, authoritarian rule of President Sardar Daoud Khan, who had overthrown the monarchy of his cousin Shah Muhammad Zahir with the support of Parchamite military officers. But it was also in competition with Muslim fundamentalists and Greater Pashtunistan nationalists on the extreme right. Many of the leaders of the Islamic guerrilla movement which later battled with Najibullah's Government were his contemporaries in university and in prison.

The Afghan capital was at that time a place of high passions. Muslim activists. who apparently received some support from Western embassies anxious to stem the growing influence of Marxism among the educated young, threw acid onto unveiled women, while Marxists affronted Muslim sentiments by referring to Lenin in quasireligious terms. The government seemed ineffective or uncaring in the face of grow-

ing poverty.

Though both the Parcham and the Khalq (masses) fac-

tions of the PDPA were evenembassies and went to Mostually agreed on the strategy of cow to lobby support for another violent seizure of powseizing power through a military coup, they suffered from ideological differences and er in Kabul. But this time it was carried out with the aid of ethnic rivalries. The Khalqis an invading Soviet Army. Najibullah returned to Afcombined revolutionary Marxism with Pashtun chauchanistan in secret to organise vinism while the Parchamites military support for the invawere largely Persian-speaking gradualists. These differences sion of Christmas 1979 and the "liquidation" of Amin, after later proved almost as debilitwhich Karmal was installed ating as the inflexibility of the as the new President and Muslim guerrillas in the hills. Najibullah became the new In April 1978 the two Comchief of the political police.

munist factions surprised themselves when they manere his brutal methods proved invaluable to the aged with relative ease to overthrow President Daoud, displaying much unnecessary new regime. In cruelty in the process by imitation of the grisly pracmurdering many members of tices of East German intellithe ruling family. But their gence services, and by recruiting Iranian and Pakiunity did not last. The new President, Nur-Muhammad stani Marxists seeking refuge Taraki, whose radical policies in Kabul, he turned the capialienated much of the country. tal's prisons into places that inspired dread in the hearts of soon ousted Parcham leaders citizens harbouring sympathy from positions of power and sent Karmal and Najibullah, for the Muslim guerrillas or a members of the Revoluence for the Khalqis. tionary Council, to Prague and Hundreds of prisoners were Tehran respectively as ambasthought to have been executed in the Poli Charkhi prison on sadors Less than three months later the outskirts of Kabul.

But President Karmal, whose charisma and lenient — and a year before Taraki was murdered by his Khalqi deputy, Hafizullah Amin policies had at first attracted Karmal and Najibullah raidnew recruits to the regime and ed the safe boxes of their given it unexpected stability.

eventually became a liability to the regime. He became an alcoholic who failed to inspire the army to improve its fight-ing record. Only the presence of an estimated 115,000 Soviet troops in the land preserved the Government. In May 1986, when Karmal's alcoholism had made him an embarrassment, Moscow agreed to a change of leadership for the PDPA and Najibullah became the regime's new leader. Karmal was sent to a dacha on the Black Sea a few months later and became the first President of Afghanistan not

to die on his overthrow. President Najibullah now embarked on a two-pronged policy: to strengthen the morale of the army with improved pay, food and training, and to distance himself from Communist practices. He declared the country a multiparty state, gave positions of power to non-party personalities, invited the former King Zahir to return from Italian exile, and invited Mujahidin leaders to join him in a Government of National Reconcilization.

The former king and the guerrillas did not reciprocate, but Najibullah gradually conveyed the impression to his people that he was an Afghan

nationalist before being a Communist. People began to listen to Kabul radio again, and independent spirits found it easier to join the Government. Severe criticism of the Government was allowed on the state-controlled media.

A military and political landmark for the new leader was the Pakistani-assisted siege of the border town of Khost by the Mujahidin in December 1987, when the Afghan army was able to survive the assault and Najibullah's reputation was strengthened. He was now able to persuade the Soviet Union to plan a less hasty withdrawal, and he projected the image of a statesman at the Geneva talks with Pakistan in 1988.

A near-fatal setback came in the spring of 1990 in the form of an attempted coup by General Shahnawaz Tanai, the Defence Minister, who had been instrumental in the Government's military revival. A bomb narrowly missed Najibullah and many buildings in the capital were destroyed in air attacks. But Tanai, who subsequently joined the most fundamental ist of the guerrillas in Pakistan, did not succeed in taking many officers and men over to the opposing side and the Government appeared

Najibullah now distanced his state even further from communism and gave the majority of seats in his Cabinet to non-party personalities. In the last months of the Soviet state at the end of 1991. Najibullah appeared so secure that Pakistan and Iran urged their guerrilla clients to make peace with him in order to initiate international trade across Afghanistan with the newly autonomous states of the former Soviet central Asia. The end of his regime came only when the collapse of the Soviet Union ended all economic aid to it, while the guerrillas still received support from their sponsors, particularly Saudi Arabia.

At the very end, he attempted to flee to India to join his wife and daughter there, but some of the tribal militias who had served his Government turned against him and blocked his aircraft. During the rule of the Hezbi Islami he lived in the sanctuary of the offices of the United Nations in Kabul, where he suffered from diabetes. He was executed with his brother Shahpur, who had been his security chief, a few hours after the takeover of the city by Taleban theological students.

as co-director. Chiriaeff fol-

lowed up this success by

adding Catulli Carmina and

Trionfo di Afrodite, in chore-

ography respectively by John Butler and Norman Walker,

to make a complete evening of

Carl Orff's music. This was one of the programmes given at Sadler's Wells in 1969

during the company's first

Even more enthusiasm

greeted the rock ballet Tom-

my, Nault's staging in 1971 of music by The Who, long

before it became a straight

stage show. So the company

was in strong health when Chiriaeff in 1974 stood down

as director, being replaced by

another Canadian choreogra-

pher, Brian Macdonald.

Chiriaeff remained responsi-

ble for the school, however, for

some years. Ludmilla Chiriaeff's contri-

bution to ballet in Canada was

recognised by her appoint-ment to the Order of Canada

in 1969 and promotion to Companion in 1984. In 1993

she was one of six Canadians

given the Governor-General's

Performing Arts Award for a

lifetime's achievement. She

arrived in a wheelchair for the

Ottawa presentation, but

stood to acknowledge the

European tour.

EIDDON EDWARDS

Eiddon Edwards, CMG, CBE, Keeper of Egyptian Antiquities in the British Museum, 1955-1974, died in London on September 24 aged 87. He was born on July 21, 1909.

EIDDON EDWARDS will be remembered beyond the narrow circle of scholars devoted to the study of the ancient world, as the author of an outstandingly successful book, The Pyramids of Egypt, and, above all, as the motive force behind the Tutankhamun Exhibition of 1972, sponsored by The Times and The Sunday Times in conjunction with the British Museum. Tutankhamun brought Ed-

wards out of the academic shadows, in which he worked with ease and confidence, and exposed him to the glare of publicity, for which his training and experience had scarcely prepared him. In the year of Tutankhamun he demonstrated how successfully the retiring academic can, if circumstances require, meet the demands of a public curious to an unprecedented degree about a great discovery, and voracious for sensation.

Iorwerth Eiddon Stephen Edwards enjoyed a career which led almost inevitably to the Keepership of Egyptian Antiquities at the British Museum. Born in London, he was the only son of Edward Edwards, a noted Persian scholar, and Ellen Jane Edwards (née Higgs), a singer in ora-torio and opera. Familiarity with the British Museum came early, for his father worked in the Department of Oriental Printed Books and Manuscripts.

But as a schoolboy at Mer-chant Taylors' Edwards's first interest in antiquity lay in the physical remains of the past, rather than in the ancient languages of the East. This early passion was stimulated by the remarkable archaeological discoveries of the 1920s, of Sir Leonard Woollev at Ur as much as of Howard Carter in Tutankhamun's tomb. The schoolboy archaeolo-

gist, however, seemed to change direction as he grew older. At Merchant Taylors' he began the study of Hebrew, and, subsequently, of Arabic. When he went up to Cambridge in 1928 with a scholarship at Gonville and Caius, it was to read for the Oriental Languages Tripos. Postgraduate work in Arabic seemed to clinch the field in which Edwards's future work would

But the old devotion to the antiquities of the Near East was not extinguished, and in 1934 he entered the Department of Egyptian and Assyrian Antiquities at the British Museum. Henceforth he was to devote himself to the study of ancient Egyptian civilisa-

But he retained a lively interest in Semitic languages, which greatly enhanced his understanding of ancient Egyptian. It also determined the nature of his work during the war, when he was seconded to the Foreign Office. During the war he served for two years in the Cairo Embassy, moving later to the Baghdad Embassy, and finally to the Secretariat at Jerusalem.

The time spent in Egypt during the war extended Edwards's knowledge of its antiquities. He began the study of the pyramids which was to lead in 1947 to the publication of The Pyramids of Egypt. Repeatedly revised and updated, uncompromisingly scholarly and wholly free of the madness that afflicts most writing on the subject, this book remains, in spite of its modest length, the most comprehensive treatment of these fascinating monuments.

Returning to the British Museum after the war, Edwards found himself for a number of years its sole Egyptologist. Yet in the postwar period the Department of Egyptian and Assyrian Antiq-

uities became a focus for Egyptologists visiting this country, and it was fitting that in 1955, when the department was divided into its two natural constituents, Edwards should become the first Keeper of Egyptian Antiquities. Between 1955 and 1974, when he retired, the reputation of his department was steadily

built up. Administrative demands on his time restricted his scholarly output, but he was able in 960 to publish an exceptionally interesting study of a group of papyri written in difficult late hieratic hands (Oracular Amuletic Decrees of the Late New Kingdom). Outside the Museum he was for many years the honorary treasurer of the Egypt Exploration Society, later a vice-president (1962-88). For many years he was a valued adviser in the

affairs of that organisation. In 1962 he was elected a Fellow of the British Academy. The culmination of his

keepership at the British Museum was the Treasures of Tutankhamun exhibition. Although it is not possible to give him the whole credit for bringing the 50 pieces from the fabulous tomb to London, there can be no doubt that his personal friendships with senior Egyptian officials, diplomats and statesmen secured the initial promise of the exhibition and, at all stages of the negotiations, made cooperation easy and progress

During the year of the exhibition he worked tirelessly for the success of the venture.



never allowing anyone to overthe exhibition, first to raise funds for the Unesco appeal to save the Temples of Philae, and secondly, to ensure that as many people of this country as possible should see the treasures. Both these aims were amply achieved, and the exhibition remains in the memories of vast numbers of people as perhaps the most successful show of its kind to have been held in this country this century.

Above and beyond the visi ble achievements of the exhibition was a marked improvement in relations between the United Kingdom and Egypt. For his notable contribution to this entente Edwards was appointed CMG in 1973. He had been appointed CBE for his services to the British Museum in 1968.

In retirement, many of the activities which had occupied the last years of his keepership continued to absorb Edwards's time and energies. After London, the Tutankhamun exhibition went to America, and Edwards was the obvious choice to provide Egyptological experience in the preparation of the various publications which supported the showing of the treasures throughout the United States. In Egypt, he continued to act on behalf both of Unesco and of the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation.

The regard in which he was held throughout the Egyptological community was demonstrated by the multiplicity and range of contributions to Pyramid Studies and other Essays, the volume presented in his honour in 1988.

His wife Elizabeth (née Lisle), survives him, with one daughter.

LUDMILLA CHIRIAEFF

Ludmilla Chiriscil founder and director of Les Grands Ballets Cagadiens, died in Montreal on September 22 aged 72. She was born in Riga in 1924.

TWO OF Canada's three leading ballet companies were founded in the country's Engish-speaking provinces by British immigrants. Ludmilla Thiriaeff started the third, in irancophone Quebec.

Her own background was decidedly mixed. When she arrived in Montreal from Europe in 1952, Winnipeg already had its own company. which was shortly to receive a "oyal charter, and Toronto and just set up in opposition. with the National Ballet. Chiriaeff started out with rallet productions for tele-

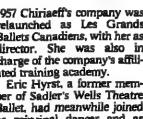
ision, which were then even nore rare than they are oday. A small company was ormed to dance these works. and after two or three years it n touring in theatres oer the name of Les Ballets hiriaeff. In 1956 it appeared vith success at the Montreal

estival. With publicly funded comranies in Ontario and Winnixeg. Quebecois pride could not afford to be left behind, and in 1957 Chiriaeff's company was relaunched as Les Grands Ballets Canadiens, with her as director. She was also in charge of the company's affiliated training academy.

added as soon as possible.

Chiriaeff had some experience of running a company before she left Europe. From a Russian family (her father was a writer), she was born in Riga in 1924, but the family subsequently took up residence in Berlin. There she studied ballet with Alexandra Nicolaieva. formerly of the Moscow Imperial Ballet. As a child. Chiriaeff danced with de Basil's Ballets Russes in 1936-37, and had further teaching from Fokine and Massine.

In 1939 Chiriaeff joined the Berlin Opera Ballet, soon becoming a soloist and dancing also in operettas and films. The final month of the war interrupted her career, and when fighting ended she moved to Switzerland, becom-



ber of Sadler's Wells Theatre Ballet, had meanwhile joined as principal dancer and as choreographer. in the early days most of the company's repertoire was by Chiriaeff and Hyrst, although some of the standard classics were

ing principal dancer and bal-



Ludmilla Chiriaeff with dancers from the school of Les Grands Ballets Canadiens

let mistress in Lausanne. In 1948 she started her own school in Geneva and formed a small company, Les Ballets des Arts.

This experience served her well on moving to Canada,

Canadiens soon started touring, including the United States from 1959. She strengthened her hand in 1964 by inviting Anton Dolin as artistic adviser: he mounted Giselle and his Pas de Quatre and Les Grands Ballets and Swan of Tuonela for

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them. A greater step forward, however, came with the acclaim for Fernand Nault's production of Carmina Burana, premiered for Expo

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A Canadian dancer, Nault had joined Les Grands Ballets

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If the flight programme now begun bears out the maker's claims in full there will be little doubt that the TSR 2 will be the most advanced and complicated airborne weapon system in the world

Whether in the cold mathematics of cost and effectiveness it will be a justifiable project is another matter. It has been estimated that the development and production of the 50 aircraft at present planned for the Royal Air Force will cost between £400m, and £500m. It is frequently suggested that this sum might have been better spent on a simpler aircraft which could have been produced more quickly and in greater numbers.

The development has reached a stage at which it is unlikely to be abandoned, even if a Labour Government should come to power in October. No effective defence against last, lowflying aircraft is in sight. If, as Mr. Amery has suggested, the TSR 2 goes into service with the Royal Air Force in three years it is likely to have many years of useful life.

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Miguel de Cervantes, author of Don Quixote, Alcala de Henares. Spain. 1547; François Boucher, painter. Paris, 1703; Robert Clive. Baron Clive of Plassey, governor of Bengal, Styche, Shropshire, 1725; Horatio Nelson, Viscount Nelson, Burnham Thorpe, Norfolk, 1758; Elizabeth Gaskell, novelist, London, 1810; Henry Hobson Richardson, architect. St James, Louisiana, 1838; Miguel de Unamuno, poet, Bilbao, IS64; Enrico Fermi, physicist, Nobel laureate 1938, Rome, 1901: Sir Billy Butlin. holiday camp promoter, South Africa, 1899.

Emile Zola, novelist, Paris, 1902:

Winslow Homer, painter, Prout's Neck, Maine, 1910; William Eint-

hoven, physician, pioneer of

electro-cardiography, Nobel laure-ate 1924, Leiden, The Netherlands.

Constructors' Company

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yesterday. The British Aircraft Corporation, King Richard II, reigned 1377-99, was deposed by Henry Bolingwho have developed the aircraft on behalf of broke (King Henry IV), 1399. The London police, remodelled by

the Ministry of Aviation and whose deputy chief test pilot, Mr. Roland Beamont, took the aircraft into the air, said the flight was completely successful. The Munich agreement was The TSR2, accompanied by two other aircraft, a Lightning fighter and a Canberra bomber, took off after what the test pilot Edouard Daladier, Hitler and described as quite a short run and landed 15

The TSR 2. Britain's new tactical strike and

reconnaissance aircraft, made its long-awaited

maiden flight at Boscombe Down, Wiltshire,

minutes later using a braking parachute. It had flown at between 7,000ft. and 10,000ft. The British Aircraft Corporation agreed that the shortness of the take-off and landing run was not a fact of great significance as the aircraft contained only the minimum electronic and other equipment necessary for the maiden flight. It was not carrying a full fuel

load and it had, of course, no weapons or

After the flight the Ministry of Aviation issued a statement by Mr. Amery, the Minister. He said: "It is good news that the TSR 2 has made a successful maiden flight from the Ministry's

Government scrapped the project.

passed between placing the development order and the first flight. This is a great tribute to the industry and I salute their achievement. The TSR 2 will go into service with the RAF in about three years' time. It will be a formidable

addition to Britain's military power."

The maiden flight begins another chapter in

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John Major told politicians trying to move him from his waitand-see policy on the single currency that they were wasting their time and their breath.

In a clear attempt to cool the single currency dispute before the party conference the week after next, the Prime Minister issued his strongest declaration that the policy agreed by the Cabinet earlier this year would not change

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Forty people suffering from lung cancer are to sue British tobacco companies in a ground-breaking legal action.....

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A company selling horseracing computer programs which claimed to pick winners is being investigated by the Official Receiver after a High Court judge said it was "based on a lie" Page 6

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A dossier on the scandal involving Roderick Wright, the former Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, is being sent to the Pope

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The Queen has turned to the commercial property market to let a redundant farmhouse on her private estate at Sandringham in Norfolk. Ling House, a six-bedroom property four miles from the Queen's favourite holiday retreat, will appear in next week's Country Life magazine on offer at £20,000 a year....

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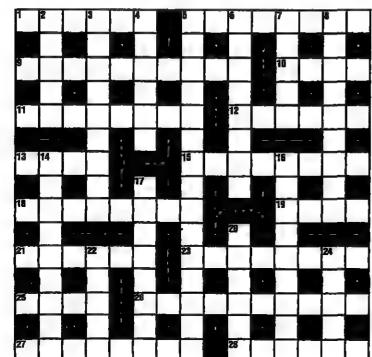
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 15 Mexican farm-hand managed
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- 21 Bob is queasy what's in that rich soup? (6). 23 Diamonds and money – temptation for youngster? (3,5).
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- 27 Curse criminal that's very deter-28 Lord of the jungle (6).

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- an original print (5). 3 Prove a sun may explode? So h does! (9).
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Scotland and Northern Ireland will have showers, heaviest and most frequent in the northwest where there

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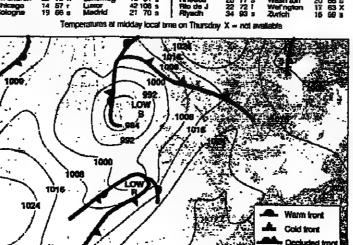
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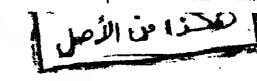
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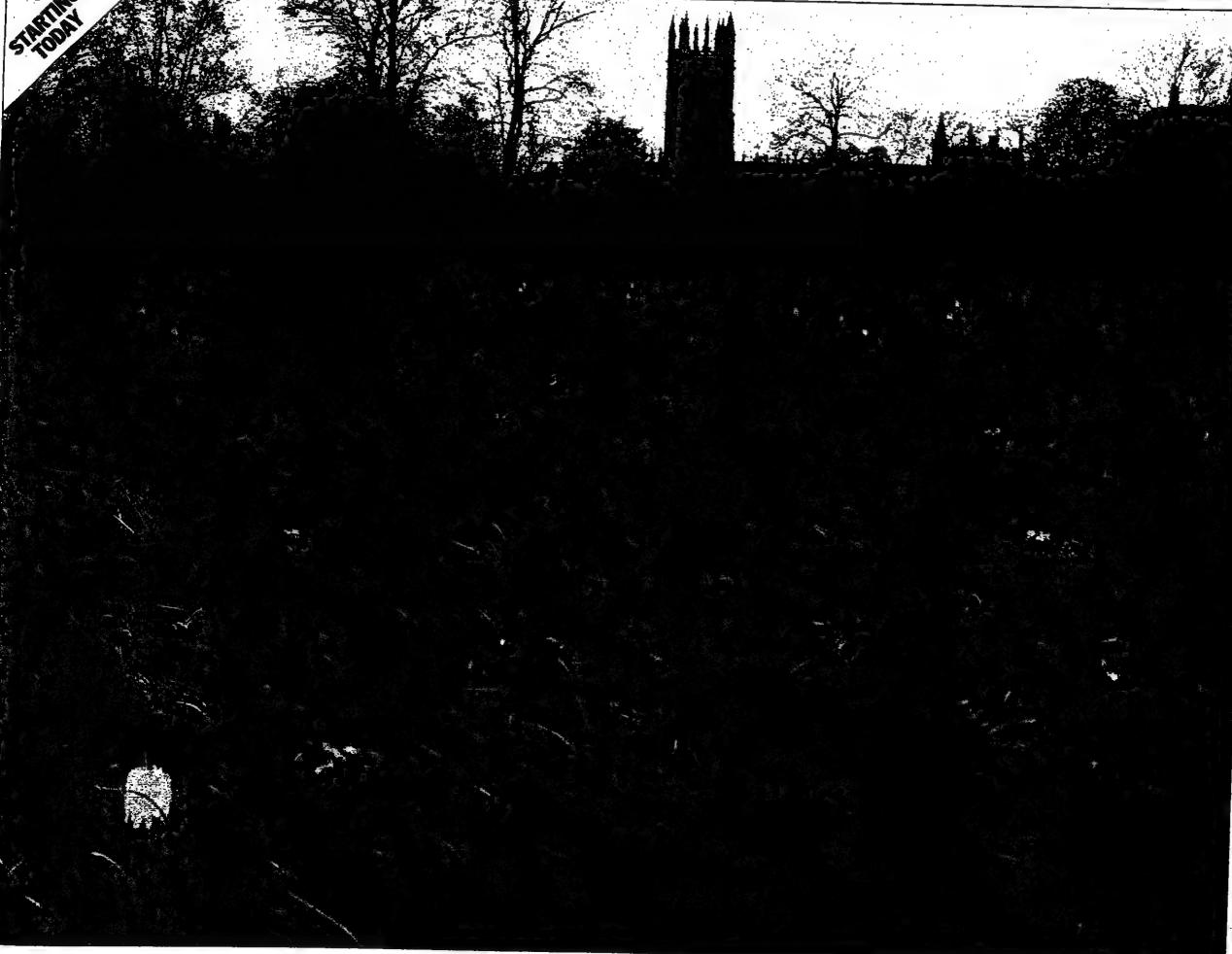


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FLORA BRITANNICA - OUR WILD BRITISH BEAUTY



Our serialisation of Flora Britannica, the definitive new guide to Britain's wild plants, starts today. Here Derwent May meets the author, Richard Mabey

16 acres of woodland in the Chilterns 14 years ago it was a dank, dark place. Now it has been opened up to the light and is flourishing again. Twenty-five different kinds of tree grow there, all of which have spring up naturally and the lost feet and different kinds of tree grow there, all of which have sprung up naturally, and the last fading flowers of an uncommon orchid, violet have sprouted from last year's great crop of helleborine, show under the beeches. In acorns, not least because they demolish the

hen Richard Mabey bought from his home in Berkhamsted. Hertfordshire, is a "community wood" — restored with the help of people in the local villages and without gates, so they can walk and picnic there freely - and has both confirmed and confounded some of the beliefs about

spring there are nine different colour- myth that oaks are reluctant to set seed, and varieties of bluebell. The wood, a few miles he noted the reluctance of the "serious

scientific ecologists", whom he consulted ed a field where the beautiful purple and about his trees, to recommend cutting down any hollies, a tree widely believed to bring

bad luck if felled. Flora Britannica is not an identification guide, though it covers almost every plant you are likely to see in Britain and has beautiful colour photographs of many of them. It is a record, species by species, of the innumerable relationships between our wild plants and the people who live among them. In Ducklington, Oxfordshire, Mabey visit-

white snake's head fritillaries grow every spring (pictured above, at nearby Magdalen meadow) and, once a year on "Frifillary Sunday", people are allowed in to look at them or pick them for charity. "I found everyone in the village was very aware of the flowers. There were even fritillaries shown in the stained-glass windows and pew cushions in the church." Mabey had already

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INSIDE STORY

Part one: how nature-worship icons became symbols of Christianity



One of the giant yews - probably five centuries old - in Kingley Vale, Sussex, where there is a central core of ancient trees and bird-sown specimens up to 100 years old

n England (although much less so in Nonconformist areas of Scotland and Wales) wild plants figure conspicuously in both churches and churchyards. There are good historical reasons for this. Christian churches often developed on the sues of pre-Christian and Celtic holy places, inheriting some of their manne-worship icons — old yew trees, for example — and Christianising practices such as the hanging-up of winter greenery. They were also centres of culture and craftsmanship, where medicinal herbs were cultivated, and where ceremonies and rituals involving plants — weddings, funerals, harvest festivals, beatings of the

bounds - were based. Over a period of more than a thousand years, all this activity has left a rich logacy of plants, both real and representational, inside the territory of the church. The churchyard has also recome a sanctuary for plants. At 2 th ae when unimproved grassland has all but disappeared across most of agricultural Britain, "God's Acres" are in many parishes the last refuges for species such as meadow saxifrage, green-winged orchid and hoary plantain. Many other species have become naturalised from memorial posies and wreaths: lily-of-the-valley, snowdrop (whose pure white blooms have long been accepted by the Roman Catholic Church as a symbol of Candlemas), primroses (the Victorian custom was to plant them on the graves of small children), garden forget-me-nots, and even rosemary "for remembrance".

Yews have a remarkable and probably unique association with ancient churches. At least 500 churchyards in England and Wales alone contain yew trees that are certainly as old as the church itself, and quite likely a good deal older. Yews of great age are rare outside churchyards, and no other type of ancient tree occurs so frequently inside the church grounds. 1 do not know of any similarly exclusive relationship between places of worship and a single tree species existing anywhere else in the Western world.

It is obviously a meaningful association, however cryptic. In the village of Fortingall. Perthshire, there are living fragments of the shell of a stupendous yew. It stands in the corner of a churchyard where there has been a building for worship since before the Reformation. Nearby there are groups of ancient, possibly Druidical stones. In 1769 the girth of the tree was measured at 52 feet, but it was already a hollow ring of wooden pillars and funeral processions reputedly passed through the trunk. There is a legend that Pontius Pilate (whose father was supposedly a legionary stationed in Scotland) played under its branches. Guesses about its age range from 2.000 to 9.000 years.

graves of small get-me-nots, and THE CHURCH AND

There have been mundane explanations for yews' presence in churchyards: that they were planted in these protected plots to provide wood for long-bows and to keep their poisonous foliage out of the reach of cattle: to provide decoration for the church, or as a memento mori.

he theory that yews were planted in churchyards not as emblems of mortality but. because of their evergreen foliage, of immortality and resurrection has been difficult to relate to a specifically Christian tradition. As more and more ancient yews have been examined, the more it has that many are not just "coeval" with the church, but vastly older. Circumstantial evidence in the form of earthworks, local legends and the sheer physical bulk of many of the trees has suggested ages of up to at least 2,000 years.

In the 1940s the historian and naturalist Vaughan Cornish surveyed many of the yews in British dioceses and parishes, and concluded (although without a great deal of solid evidence) that the oldest were the sacred trees of ancient religions, some Druidic, some Celtic, and a few, maybe, relics of pre-Celtic Iberian

settlers (hence their frequency in Wales). And, like many pagan icons and practices, they were retained and pragmatically sanctified by the Christian church.

The story of the yew in St Mary's churchyard in Selborne, Hampshire, encompasses the sacred, secular and commonplace. After its abrupt collapse during the great gale on January 25, 1990, white bones from ancient burials were brought up to the surface and lay tangled in the root-ball. They were quickly taken into custody in the nearby Field Studies Centre, to protect them from dogs and other predators, and permission for an emergency archaeological dig was obtained from the diocese, on the understanding that all human remains would be reburied in

the churchyard.

In the course of the next week, two archaeologists from the Hampshire Museums' Service uncovered the remains of about 30 individuals, several of which were complete burials in their original positions. They were all apparently Christian burials, in shallow graves beneath the root-mass. The earliest, and the deepest, was dated by pottery from

the grave-fill to about AD 1200.

People from all over Britain, who had once lived in Selborne, came to buy or beg a piece of wood from the tree; one man retrieved a fragment for his parents who became engaged

under it. Some of the wood taken from the larger branches has been made into artefacts for the church and a yew font-cover and altar screen now join the rough yew cross that has long hung over the nave. A cutting, taken while the tree was still alive, was planted in the churchyard in November 1992 by the youngest and

oldest citizens in the parish. Most yew plantings these days are not of the wild variety, but of the tidier but blander fastigiate variety. or Irish yew, whose branches all sweep evenly upwards, as if they had been bound into a bundle. They are mostly descendants of two trees found on a limestone crag in Fermanagh in the 1760s and presumably ousted "normal" wild trees because of their resemblance to Mediterranean funereal cypresses, and for the ease with which they could be clipped and even "topiarised" - into order. The clippings have recently become commercially valuable. An alkaloid named taxol, which seems effective against ovarian cancer, has been discovered in yews, and research laboratories and drug companies are offering to buy the foliage in bulk.

● The Yew Tree Millennium Project, launched this week, hopes to plant 13,000 yew trees, grown from 2,000-year-old stock; in parishes throughout Britain. For more details, write to the Conservation Foundation. I Kensington Gore, London SW7 ZAR

THE HOLLY AND THE IVY

THE use of evergreen plants to decorate houses at the midwinter solstice is a custom that long antedates Christianity. Evergreens, flourishing when all other plants seem dead, were symbols of the continuity of life through the dark season. In ancient Rome garlands were made from Mediterranean bay, box, rosemary, pines and evergreen oak. In Britain the native holly, ivy and mistletoe were (and still are) favoured.

Attitudes towards ivy have been ambivalent since classical times. In the days of sympathetic magic, ivy's ability to smother grape-vines persuaded early herbalists that its berries could overcome the malign effects of alcohol. But ivy was also seen as a weak, "feminine" plant, contrasted in mythology and poetry with the red-blooded, prickly holly. The most frequent uses of

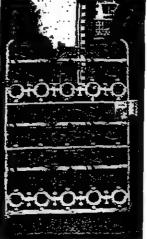
the red-blooded, prickly holly.

The most frequent uses of ivy that still seem touched by ancient beliefs about its magical powers are in cattle-farming. It is still used sometimes as emergency winter food, but it is seen as having a protective role as well.

The inclusion in Christmas greenery and rituals is the high point of ivy's ceremonial year. But the best known of all ivy rhymes, the carol The Holly and the lvy, remains something of a conundrum: The holly and the ivy/When they are both full grown/Of all the trees that are in the wood!The holly bears the crown. Ivy is not a tree and makes no other appearance in the full carol, which is devoted to the Christian symbolism of holly. A white witch from Yorkshire wrote to suggest that the carol is a satire on the battle of the sexes; also that ivy is banned as a decoration in churches. Although this was true in a few parishes because of ivy's associations with drink, there are fine medieval carvings of it on supporters in both Westminster Abbey and

Wells Cathedral.

Holly has a complex and paradoxical history. Although lopping boughs for Christmas



A gate with an ivy design in Coverack. Cornwall



Holly berries are still used as an informal divination

is "allowed", there is still a belief that cutting down whole holly trees will bring bad luck. We use the berries, too, in a kind of informal divination, seeing bumper crops as a sign of hard weather rather than as a result of a good spring.

LIKE the elder, holly was believed to have power over horses, and its pliable wood made it the favourite for whips. There are several customs in which holly seems to be regarded as proof against fire. One contributor wrote: "I remember being told when I lived in a village on the Isle of Wight with constant thunderstorms, that holly trees were often planted on either side of a building as a form of lightning conductor."

But the most persistent, trusting use of holly is as a boundary tree, as a constant in the landscape. Why should holly have this special indemnity? It seems that many hollies survive because of the stubborn persistence of the stubborn persistence of the trees brings bad luck. In Suffolk and Worcestershire forestry workers are still refuctant to fell hollies. And from every part of the country people have written with stories of disasters that ensued—with a time-lag of as moth as 40 years—when the taboo

was broken. The odd thing is that this with the sanctioning of cutting holly branches for Christmas. In pre-Christian times, holly was a powerful fertility symbel and a charm against witchcraft and house goblins. The custom was easily accommodated by Christianity, holly standing for the crown of thorns and the berries for Christ's blood. Yet echoes of the old religion linger, and there is still a fixed routine for taking down the Christmas greenery.

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people in his book and BBC2 film. The Flowering of Britain in 1980, and about the wild fruits of the countryside and seashore in his first book, Food for Free, published in 1972.

The Flora Britannica project started in 1991 when he was talking to the conservation society Plant Life, a leafy equivalent of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, who wanted to find out from their members how many of the rural names of flowers were still current. That led to the idea of consulting much larger numbers of people about the place wild flowers and trees had in their lives.

abey wanted to go further. He wanted to find out — by asking British people — whether nature had now dwindled to no more than an object of nostalgia in their lives, or whether it was still entwined in their everyday habits and beliefs.

At that time he had a regular spot on the Sunday morning BBC1 programme, Country File, and he made an appeal for help to its viewers. A brochure about the project was also included in the BBC Wildlife magazine. "I asked not only about any modern folklore that they knew." Mabey says, "but also about any way in which they took an interest in wild flowers eating them, picking them, protecting them, whatever, 1 was after true social history. an up-to-date ecology of plants

and human beings."

And the answers poured in, many thousands of them, from scribbles on the back of a postcard to 30-page essays. "It was not only National Trust members in Surrey, as it were, who replied. It was farmers' wives, every kind of person who had lived in the country."

Soon Mabey had acquired grants from English Nature

and the Countryside Commission. a publisher — Sinclair-Stevenson — who provided some money for research, and two full-time research assistants to help him sort the

At one point he was over-

come by pessimism. There had evidently been enormous interest in nature in even the recent past, but how much was surviving still? "I asked a teacher at a local school to see what her children could come up with, and she came and reported glumly that they had produced hardly anything. was really gloomy after that. Then, one day, I went for a walk with these children. It was a revelation. They knew so much about the plants! Which were the grasses that were best for holding to your lips and whistling, which flowers -- white dead-nettle and so on - gave a little honey if you sucked them. It had just not seemed like 'school know ledge' to them. All my faith came back again."

What has he learnt after five years of these experiences? "I feel I have had a massive course in history, anthropology and botany. Above all, though, I have learnt much more about what our relationship with plants can be. It's not just a matter of conserving and protecting them. Important as it is, conservation can sometimes produce a quite imper-

Cover picture of snake'shead fritiliaries at Magdalan College, Oxford by ANDREW LAWSON

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sonal relationship with nature, a purely scientific concern with numbers rather than any affectionate feeling." Was his book, nevertheless.

Was his book, nevertheless, much more than a history of our past relationships with plants? Could it have an influence on the future? "I hope it can. I like to think that the experiences I report, of people's involvement with the countryside, give a model of a natural, easy relationship, it shows how people can live with the natural world."

a well as plants that affect our lives, his book records "any plant that could offer pleasure", such as a little blue flower called bugle, the leaves of which are described thus: "They have a sheen of purple brown on a dark green base, rather like metal which has been tempered in a fire."

Did he find any respondents describing mystical relationships with plants? "Well, not really, not like Druids, though I did get one letter from a rune-maker, as he described himself, who only inscribed or engraved his runes on holly. But in a more general way, what often cropped up was what you could perhaps describe as a kind of mystical relationship with the country-side as a whole. I could not include that type of passage in the book, but I was very struck by it — a kind of joy and awe

and reverence."

His next book will be about his own wood. "Then I'd like to write a book about plants in John Clare's poems. And then, perhaps, a light-hearted guide to the Mediterranean land-scape." That will be a new departure for him. But if he goes, he will leave behind a superb book about the flowers and trees he loves in Britain.

• Richard Mabey mould velcome further contributions about wild plants in Britain. They may be sent to him at: Flora Britannica. clo Common Ground, 44 Eartham Street, London WC2H 91A.





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This is matchmaking month in Ireland, but will the husband-hunters flee after tasting their first Irish food on the ferry to Cork?

f you ever go across the sea to Ireland...take sandwiches, especially if you are travelling on the daily ferry from Swansea to Cork. I have made three crossings this year and, much as I would prefer to find no fault with this clean, punctual and convenient ship, I cannot say a single good word about its cafeteria

One small step from shore to ship, one giant leap backwards for mankind: to the dreary days of 1960s motorway food and the flaccid, greasy stuff that Egon Ronay spent years of his campaigning life trying to ensure was never inflicted upon us

Fish, chips and peas may seem tempting but you soon discover that the fish has been to the fat what blotting paper is to Quink; the chips seem but a distant relation of the potato, and I am deeply suspicious that the peas and diced carrots were swimming in the same tepid water when I crossed last week as they were when I last saw them in early May. My concern stems not from selfinterest but because we now read that the

For the love of a potato cake remote. windswept, tranquil southwest-ern part of Ireland, to which this ferry provides a convenient gateway, is becoming the fashionable destination for the

chattering and theatrical classes. France's loss is County Cork's gain. Here they find a new Gironde, but with added Guinness: Provence with potatoes. But whereas they were able to drive through France nibbling charcuterie and patisserie, they now have to start their creative break with the greasy offerings of that floating cafeteria. I lear that one year, the Jeremys

- Irons and Paxman - not to mention half the cast of the latest Jane Austen film, will all return to shock their public with spots. There is only so much healing power in a pint of stout.

Even more worrying is what it may do to the romantic prospects of a considerable number of single men living in the

ate for a wife. We are, I read in the Irish press, in the middle of matchmaking month. Not only is this a time when lonely hearts of the same nation come together, it also heralds a flush of romantically inclined ladies from as far afield as Russia and Poland, who are quoted as saying that "they are very willing to work hard to please an Irish farmer hus-

band". But will they still be

so after the crossing from

Swansea to Cork? I doubt it. They will think all food in Ireland is like this, and be on the next bus back to the Urals before you can say Clonakilty Black Pudding. How much better, then, if this

HOME MADE



Paul Heiney

us with some of the treats that lie in wait for the visitor to Ireland, and extend the bliss of Irish eating on the way back. What about the beguiling

potato cake, made from that vegetable which has been historically a fickle friend to the Irish? They come in various guises; some like a scone, others sweetened with mixed peel. For a versatile potato

cake, take Soz of mashed

potato, 1202 of flour, loz of butter, a large egg and 2ths of chopped mixed peel. Add the flour to the potatoes while mixing and stop when you get to a stiff dough, or arm. Add the butter, having melted it, and then add the beaten

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yolk of the egg followed by the stiffly beaten white. Throw a sod of turf on to the fire, and fry till brown. If you do not want it sweet, use finely chopped onion instead of peel, and with a fried egg and a thick slab of Irish bacon on your plate your spirits will be boosted to the point where you offer marriage to the first

or a truly romantic, traditional Irish treat, however, how about that most delicious of teabreads. the Hallowe'en Brack? Eaten at the end of October, it is a cake for lovers, as you will discover. I made one last week while staying in a cottage beside a grey, stone harbour and looking out on to some islands.

person you bump into in the street.

Braec (meaning speckled) can be made like bread using yeast, or more quickly and easily with baking powder. The romantically inclined will not want to risk their brack not rising at the crucial moment, so I thoroughly recommend the safer haking powder method (recipe thanks to Theodora Fitzgibbon's Irish

Traditional Food).

As one is always doing in Ireland, I made a large pot of tea (Barry's is best) and, having drunk one cup, allowed the big brown pot to cool and then soaked lib each of sultanas, raisins and brown sugar in the rest of the tea (no milk). Then, to the soaked fruit I added 11b of flour, 3 beaten eggs, 3tsp of baking powder and 3 of mixed spice. I turned all this into a cake tin and then, most importantly and traditionally, placed a ring in the centre. (Whoever gets the slice with the ring in it shall have marriage proposed to them.) Bake your brack for 90 minutes at 325F. Brush lovingly with

When the brack is cool, slice carefully to ensure that the ring ends up on the right plate. Make sure the priest does not get it. They are touchy about that sort of thing these days.

The big cheese

THERE seems to be a sudden craze in the food world for award ceremonies. The other week it was the BBC Good Food Awards (Best Food Product of the Year: Martin Pitt Free Range Eggs; Best Equip-Grips range of kitchen utensils). This week was the turn of the Oscars of the cheese world.

the British Cheese Awards. Although this sounds like the slightly silly kind of stunt dreamed up by a PR company in fact the awards are now acknowledged within the business as the ultimate seal of recognition. No fewer than 460 British and Irish cheeses were entered for the 53 different classes which have the bizarre sort of names the cheese world seems to favour: Modern British Hard Goat,



Fiona Beckett

Soft White Cow, Tasty Block, Cheeseboard Ewe, and Chives and/or Onions (no Garlic).

The judges are a mixture of industry professionals — cheesemakers, retailers and supermarket cheese buyers, and food writers like yours truly. As a novice I drew the short straw and got New and Experimental - a rag-bag of some of the wilder manifestations of the cheesemaker's fancy which included a greenwax-covered cheese shaped as a large shanwock (which we decided must have been designed for the Irish pubs) and an unfortunate-looking dark brown cheese which (hard to word this tactfully) looked like something you might pick up on your shoe off the pavement.

These were, mercifully, the exceptions. I sniffed and nibbled through some of the best cheeses I've ever eaten: freshiv young goats' cheeses - light and moussey, delicately tangy: richly unctuous rind-washed cheeses (the pongy kind) which you'd swear were French; beautifully crafted traditional cheddars, rich and mellow with an intense depth of flavour but without the searing edge. Frankly British cheese is now so good that any restaurateur who still offers French cheeses must be off his trolley.

In the end the ultimate Big Cheese - or Supreme Champion, as the organisers put it was Lincolnshire Poacher, produced by F.W. Read & Sons, a hard cheese typical of the region. Lincolnshire Poacher is a cows' milk cheese. a cross between a cheddar type and an Emmenthal.

If you want a chance to sample these and other British cheeses for yourself, look out

No, it's not another award for Emma Thompson . . . this week's cheese "Oscar" was won by Lincolnshire Poacher promotions next bit of a shock to find this most week, which is British Cheese traditional of Scottish companies launching varieties such as Spicy Thai Chicken Week. You'll find a pretty good selection at Tesco, who sponsored the awards, but there with Lemon Grass and Italian Bean and Pasta soup - not the are also many individual cheese shops supporting the kind of ingredients you would

event including Broomhall expect to find in the average Farm, near Worcester (01905 This is obviously causing 820232), Ian Mellis of Edinburgh (0131-226 6215), Tedthe company considerable confusion about what to put on the label. What at first sight dington Cheese in southwest London (0181-977 6868), Wells Stores, Abingdon (01235 appears to be a Scottish loch 535978) and the three London flanked by the familiar tartan sash on the Thai chicken soup branches of Jeroboam's, who will mail out four of the proves, on closer inspection, to award-winning cheeses for £20. Call 0171-823 5623. feature a Buddhist temple and a few palm trees.

And if you want to find our Why Baxter's is going down more about British cheese you this route is obvious. Its share can get a more extensive list of of the top end of the soup shops and cheeses by sending market must have been signifa cheque for £3.50 to the icantly eroded by the much Specialist Cheesemakers Assexier fresh soups produced by sociation. PO Box 448, New Covent Garden Soup Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staf-Company and various ownbrand equivalents, but I think fordshire ST5 OBF. it is a shame. When I visited my local supermarket, all the Zen-a-leekie flashy new varieties were at customer-pulling eye level while the good old stalwarts, IF YOU have seen the television ads for Baxter's soup featuring soft-focus pictures of such as royal game soup and there was nairy a sighting of my favourite Scottish soup,

Joint attack

WITH all the recent brouhaha about the hospital operations video, you would think that Simpson's-in-the-Strand was chancing its luck in releasing The Art of Carving, a nailbiting 55 minutes on how to dismember a Sunday roast. But as yet I am not aware of any publicity-seeking MP cit-ing evidence of six-year-olds slipping out to buy a set of JA Henckel (the other sponsor)

In fact, the video is disappointingly unsensational, with lots of solid and worthy advice about how to tackle the Christmas turkey and what to do with a saddle of lamb. In spite of the flagrant plugs for Simpson's, it would make an excellent wedding present though I would exercise a modicum of tact about giving it to husbands or dads who fancy themselves as dab hands at carving. They could probably do with it (I learnt that most of the things I had

been doing were wrong) but it is that kind of slight which causes family rifts. If you are willing to chance it, you can get a copy from Simpson's at 100 Strand WC2R 0ES [017]-836 9112) or from specialist cookshops for £14.95.

Crunch meeting

A LARGE carving knife might come in handy if you are visiting Asda next week. where you may at any time be pounced upon by a caped "snack attacker" brandishing a pack of Cheezee Wiggles. The point of this ludicrous promotion is that Asda has launched a range of ownbrand equivalents to the nation's best-selling snacks: Cheezee Wiggles instead of Wotsits, Cheezee Curls for Quavers, Beastie Bites for Monster Munch and Gringos

It is all pretty silly but Asda is making a serious point. The cost of snacks - which after all contain little but fat, flour and flavourings - is a rip-off. Wotsits, so the shelf ticket at my local supermarket informed me, are 75.7p per 100g. That is roughly £3.43 per lb as much as I paid at the weekend for 11b of rump steak. If you can face the snack attacker, it is worth giving Asda's versions a go while they are currently on special promotion at 89p for multipack of ten. For what it is worth, my children pronounced the Cheezee Wiggles and Curls superior to the

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■ Cook the sausages

and parsnips Pre-heat oven to 200C/400F/ Gas mark 6. Put 12 sausages on a baking tray and put in the oven for 30-40 minutes, until brown. Cut three mediumsized parsnips into fingersized pieces. Put in a baking dish and cover with Itbs oil. salt and black pepper. Put in the oven for 30 minutes. Turn the oven down to 130C/250F/ Gas mark I and leave the sausages and parsnips to keep warm in there.

Cook potatoes Peel lkg (2lb 2oz) potatoes. Put three quarters of the potatoes in a pan of salted water and bring to the boil. Simmer until

Put 450g (Ilb) undyed smoked haddock in a pan, covered by 570ml (lpt) milk. Simmer for five minutes. Meanwhile, soften a diced onion in 30g (Ioz) butter. Dice the rest of the potato and add to the onion. Take the fish out of the milk and remove any skin and bones. Add the milk and 300ml (4 pt) water to the onion and potato. Bring to the boil and simmer for 15 minutes.

Shopping list

Fruit and vegetables 3 medium parsnips ikg (2lb 2oz) potatoes 1 onion 2 lemon

500g (IIb 2oz) red cabbage 12 leaves flat-leaf parsley 8 apples (two types)

Meat and fish 12 premium pork sausages 450g (lib) undyed smoked haddock

720ml (14 4pt) milk 75g (3oz) butter Large piece of good cheddar

Store cupboard itbs oil 2tbs redcurrant jelly 2tbs grainy mustard

300ml (12 pt) water/cider/ apple juice/cider/heer

Add the cooked fish in large flakes. Turn off heat. Season with the juice of a quarter to half a lemon, according to

taste, and black pepper. · Make red cabbage

Slice 500g (lib 2oz) red cabbage. Put in a pan with 300ml (12pt) water, cider or apple iuice and 2tbs redcurrant jelly. Cover and cook for 30 minutes to get a good, chewy texture.

Make mash Put the drained potatoes in a food processor with 50g (2oz) butter. 2ths grainy mustard, 150ml (4pt) milk and salt.

Mash. Put in a serving dish in the warming oven.

■ Serve soup Serve in bowls with three whole or torn leaves of flat-leaf parsley on top of each serving.

■ Serve sausages Let guests help themselves to cabbage, mash and sauvages.

Serve apples and cheese Put two types of British apples in a bowl and a large piece of farmhouse British cheddar on a plate. Eat the fruit and

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is, or rather was, given to guests of the Ritz who were in particular favour. Tasteful times have overtaken the little oval box. The management has decided that the box is, well ... Paul Jackson, who has responsibility for such things, struggled for words when crossquestioned about this one. His uniform tails seemed to twitch as we talked in the glorious pinkness of the Ritz dining room to discuss the future of the Top

Hat, as it is known. Could it be that it was considered vulgar? He could not bring himself to

CHOCOLATE BOX

ing her stockpot, it comes as a on the lower shelves. And

Mrs Ena Baxter lovingly tend-

cock-a-leekie, were skulking

Jeeves like, and made a deft change of subject — to bacon, as I remember it. Whatever the reason, a change was deemed important and Mr Jackson. having searched hard for the quintessential English chocolate-maker to invent and execute the changes, plumped

for Rococo. Rococo's queen of chocolate, Chantal Coady, set to work and came up with an elegant blue-and-white oval box packed with her own chocolates: ultra-English parma violet creams and rose creams, both topped with crystallised petals and snuggled together with rum truffles and

white chocolates. I took the Top Hat and the Rococo box to a sampling team of five. There was a unanimous verdict of "too sweet, too mide" on the Top Hat chocolates. Most

as better looking, more subtle and less sickly than the others. The only criticism of the Rococo chocolates came from one of Britain's leading libel lawyers, who labelled the violet cream "naff".

THE CHOCOLATE in ques-

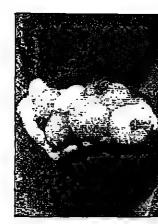
tion has consulted its lawyers and the matter is now sub judice. However, there was less unanimity about the packaging. Everybody loved the Rococo box, but reckoned the Top Hat was more fun. "It just looks more like the Ritz," said one of my panel, a South American architect who lived for six months at the Paris Ritz.

JANE OWEN The Ritz, London 0171-493 8181. The selection which makes up the Ritz chocolate box can be bought without the exclusive host from Rococo, 321 Kings Road, London SW3 SEP (0171-352 5857) at 57 60 ner

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The tomato taste-hunters



The founders of the Tomato Growers' Club are putting flavour first

omatoes ain't what they used to be. As a result of pressure from the big supermarkets, whose buying power dictates uniformity in size, colour and shape, details such as taste seem to have van-

Colin Simpson has pitched himself against this tasteless world and, from a 48ft by 24ft polytunnel in his garden in Surrey, he, his wife Jane and son Matthew land their cat. Roo, whose tail was once used as a pollination duster) fight the tasty tomato fight so that others may produce sweet. full-flavoured tomatoes.

Whether they are brown, yellow, striped, sausageshaped or plain knobbly. Mr Simpson welcomes every style of tomato, so long as they are tasty. "I am a keen gardener and Jane is an enthusiastic cook," he says.

In 1987 Mr Simpson, a retired journalist, came across a seed catalogue from Oregon which included varieties he had never heard of, so he sent off for some, unaware that importing seed from outside the European Community was illegal. "It was just something to do," he says.

As the Simpson's tomato collection grew, word spread



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Colin and Jane Simpson in the 48ft by 24ft polytunnel at their home in Surrey. where they grow and test about 300 varieties of tomatoes

among the cognoscenti, who began to send them seed of unusual varieties. Now they have a library of about 2,000 varieties, 300 or so of which they grow and test for flavour and disease resistance.

This month their trial crop of late tomatoes is ready for eating and the Simpsons have great hope for three varieties in particular: 'Joie de Table', which they discovered on holiday in southern France: 'Essex Wonder', which was grown from three seeds that had survived in a tobacco tin for about 25 years and was sent to the Simpsons by the grandson of the man who stored them (only one failed); and 'Bel Homme's Fortune', a potatoleafed variety said to have once been one of the finest tomatoes on Guernsey.

Growing tomatoes is not an easy living, and has been made all the harder by rules imposed by the EC. To sell seed, each variety has first to be put on trial and approved, if it is not already on one of the government-approved seed lists. Trials are costly and have to be funded by the grower. To

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- Decide first which varieties to grow next year by tasting different ones now, or trust the recommendations contained in the Tomato Growers' Club catalogue produced by the Simpsons (see main article).
- Jiffy 7 pellets, topped with vermiculite, one seed per pellet. Germinate in a linen cupboard or beside a radiator.
- Put pellets into a cold greenhouse or on about three days.
- To save money and, if growing more than a with a thermostatically controlled heating mat - for example, a Heatwave panel, 50cm x 50cm over polystyrene blocks. costing from £79.90 from HotBox (01590 683788). Use 13-amp cut-out
- Cover the Heatwaye panel thoroughly with thick polythene and then place a capillary mut on top for watering. The Jiffys go on top.

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- If growing outdoors, the tomato plants need to be in a sunny, sheltered position, preferably against a wall.
- If using a growing bag, a Hold 'n' Grow container (which can also be used as a propagat the beginning of the season) makes staking much easier. The stakes slot into ready-made holes around the edge of the polystyre containers. Most garden centres stock them. If not, you could become a member of the E7.70, a couple of pounds less than the usual shop price.
- Whatever watering system is used, water the plants moderately but regularly so that the tomatoes develop a good tase and do not split. Cut down your watering as the fruit starts to ripen. You should added a proprietary tomato eed every week or so.

of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF). Mr Simpson reckons that it would cost him about £1 million to get all his seeds on to the lists, with further annual payments of £2,500. However, with the help of MAFF, the Simpsons have worked out a method of selling their unusual varieties without having to pay the punitive trials rate.

People who buy from the diseases to enter. Simpson's have to join their Tomato Growers' Club (membership is automatic with an initial order of EIO minimum) and buy newly germinated

seedlings rather than seeds. This year the Simpsons sent out 4,000 by post. The club has a telephone helpline and members receive the Simpson's catalogue, which has detailed cultivation notes. It includes one passage giving their views on the pinching-out ritual: "We do not make a fetish of pinching out... Every pinch causes an open wound for

The Simpsons do their own tests on disease-resistant crops; current favourites include the Simpson's hybrids

beefsteak, and the 'Helen Hawkins'. a lemon-coloured and shaped sweetie. With a little help from friends, the Simpson's test the tomatoes for taste and, off-duty, eat them as a salad with a little olive oil and garlic, a homegrown variety called 'Elephant garlic. "It's very special. The bulbs are the size of one of Frank Bruno's fists," says Mr Simpson, whose catalogue includes the garlic (which should be planted mid-October) and some other vegetables. Their lettuce, 'Black Seeded Simpson', last year won a merit award from the Royal Horticultural Society.

ther vegetables inciude pumpkins. squashes, unusual Chinese vegetables and eight varieties of radish (12 more are on trial by the Simpsons, and a delegation of Japanese, who are experts on radish, came to see Mr Simpson's varieties).

Mr Simpson says that some television cooks use his vegetables, and that the restaurant owner Raymond Blanc stocks his garden with their plantlets. In addition, there are about 10,000 mail-order customers.

JANE OWEN

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GARDEN ANSWERS



STEPHEN ANDERTON. replies to readers' letters

hard two off by 4ft beech hedges with the farm's tractor-mounted fail entter doing one side cach year. Would they stand such treatment? — G. Purefoy. Shalstone, Buckinghamshire,

A Yes, but could you live with the hacked look? If speed is important cut back the outer hedge with the flail and then go over it with a handsaw, cutting back the side branches to a a twiggy shoot.

Where can I buy buy the plant or seeds of Hamburg parsiey? The root looks like a miniature parsnip and gives chicken soup a delicious flavour. Street markets used to sell it under the name of patrishka". — J. Sinclair, Brighton, Sussex.

A Hamburg parsley, Petroselinum tuberosum, is similar to ordinary parsley but has a fat root. It is used in the making of bortsch and the Polish name for it is pietruszka.

One supplier is Plant Hunter. er's Nursery, Capel Ulo, Pentre Berw, Gaerwen, Anglesey, Gwynedd LL60 6LF (01248 421064. Grow as

My Hydrangea sargentiana is no bigger now than when it was planted four years go. It is in part sun, part shade. The leaves on its 15in stem are small. Should I move iff - S.C. Lawrence, Ely. Cambridgeshire.

The aspect is right, but A new growths are sometimes caught by late frosts. Are you growing it in clay or, worse, heavily alkaline clay? I would dig it up as soon as the leaves drop and replant it in new. open-textured soil enriched with old compost. Next year you should start to get those enormous hairy leaves and some proper growth. Look out for rotten, stinking roots which may be due to nematodes (microscopic worms) eaten into the roots. Such plants are better burnt.

We want to plant the We want to plant the family graves with something, but the soil is heavy, chalky clay. We have tried thyme, heathers, and various herbaceous plants, including irises. which would not flower. Bulbs do well. What can we plant that needs little maintenance? - Mrs E. Horne, Sevenoaks, Kent.

A You need something which is tough, perennial, and can make a colony which looks comfortable with a certain amount of weed competition, or which can suppress the weeds. Try acanthus. A colony of this dark foliage is most dignified, in sun or shade, and smothers weeds once established. It would be slow to settle on clay, but would accept it. You could plant snowdrops and spring snowflakes underneath.

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WEEKEND TIPS



Esarth-up celery, leeks and winter brassicas. Keep celery well watered. Check if early pears are ready to pick.

■ Dead-head late-flowering bedding plants, such as dahlias, argyranthemums and pelargoniums.

■ Keep ponds free of the worst leaf fall from nearby trees. Ensure that alpines and cushion plants are not smothered by the fallen leaves, and watch out for marauding slugs.

■ Complete clipping evergreen hedges before the serious frosts arrive. Use secateurs rather than shears on the broadleafed species.

Finish dividing herbaceous plants: complete any remaining in spring.

Gardens to visit this weekend



The Palladian chapel at Gibside, near Newcastle upon Tyne

Clapton Court, Crewkerne, Somerset (01460 73220). Three miles south of Crewkerne on B3165. Open today, Ham-3pm.

The combination of the garden and the hardy plants on sale promise a feast for gardeners. Surrounding the manor house are formal gardens and terraces where Aster frikarii entivers borders in the rose garden. The "toad lilies". Tricyris hirta and T. formosana, in shades of speckled. purple, are another striking autumn-flowering perennial and especially good mixing with Lobelia tupa and Geranium nodosum. A woodland garden sports banks of hydrongeas - many blue-flowered because of the acid soil - which make a magnificent sight, with white-flowered varieties such as 'Annabel', and tall, creamy-flowered eucryphias

Gibside. Barnopfield. Newcastle upon Tyne (01207 542255). Entrance on B6314 between Burnopfield and Ronlands Gill. Open daily, except Mon. to end Oct. Ham-Spm. £2.90, children £1.45.

Given to the National Trust by the Bowes-Lyon family, the garden has been subject to a long-term restoration programme. First to benefit has been Gibside's jewel, the Palladian chapel and avenue of Turkey oaks that leads to it, with a towering column at the far end. Paths lead off through the flanking woodland to reveal the Gothic banqueting house (owned by the Landmark Trust and rented out), the ruined house orangery.

Clock House, Coleshill. Swindon, Wilsthire (01793 762476). Three and a half miles southwest of Faringson on B4019. Open tomorrow, 2-6pm. £1.50, children free.

Sir Roger Pratt's 17th-century Coleshill House, demolished after a fire in the 1980s, is evoked in the garden, its ground-plan showing rooms, doors and windows, mapped out in clipped box hedges. As well as the varied plants, including impressive foliage and a luxuriantly decorated greenhouse, a lime avenue leads to views over White Horse Vale.

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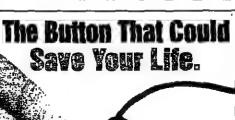
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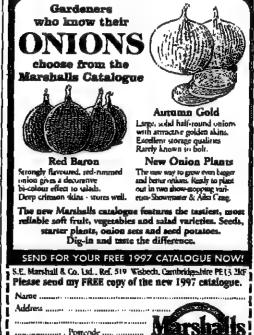


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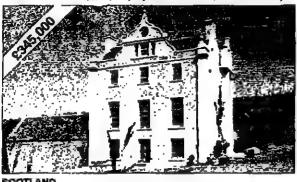


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Duke's Place in Kent, a 14th-century timber-framed manor house once used by the Knights Hospitallers as a monastery, is now for sale at £600,000 through Strutt and Parker

dna Linnell, a retired opera singer, re-members the day that she and her husband, John, first stood in the great hall of her 14th-century home and agreed to buy the property. "John just stood there and wrote out a cheque," she says. The grand hall absolutely sold it to him."

She has lived at the Grade I listed, timber-framed manor house on the outskirts of a Kent village for 30 years. But now Duke's Place — so called because it was once owned by the Duke of Clarence, King Edward III's son — has become too big a responsibility and is for sale at £600,000.

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individual's many criteria location, size, convenience for transport, schools and shops - sellers may have a frustrat-

ing wait for the one person for whom everything is right. Mrs Linnell believes that Duke's Place, like many other properties with a history and an unusual former use, will eventually cause someone "to fall in love with it as John did".

Hugh Dunsmore-Hardy, the chief executive of the National Association of Estate Agents, believes that any property with a history will attract interest because it is set apart

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The country's yearning for

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"It is automatically lifted out of the day-to-day properties." he says. "It is a human trait to set ourselves apart, and an unusual home can be an expression of our personality and character.

Mr Dunsmore-Hardy says that potential buyers are normally concerned about the sites which unusual properties occupy and their future investment value. "If people are considering a property which has had an industrial use for conversion to a home, much will depend on its location," he says. "If it is still surrounded by an industrial landscape, it may be more appropriate for a

They must also be aware of all the planning considerations for change of use and the hidden cost implications of restoration or of providing essential services.

When Malcolm Kneeshaw, a builder, decided to renovate with a water wheel which once used to drive the machinery. planners insisted that the wheel was retained after a complete restoration.

Now the 150-year-old wheel, weighing two-and-a-half tons and complete with new spinis visible through a glazed panel in the sitting-room floor of the converted mill at Allerston, near Pickering in

driven by two streams, but the watercourse has been diverted and it is no longer in operation," Mr Kneeshaw says. He believes that the charm

of his property, which is for



The former courthouse and police station at Sproatley, near Hull, is now for sale

THE FORMER courthouse and police station at Sproatley, near Hull, still boasts one of its two original cells -- complete with barred window, iron bedstead and mattress.

The building belongs to the Chichester Constable family of Burton Constable Hall. whose ancestors were obliged to bequeath land suitable for public buildings to the iocal council 150 years ago.

The Grade II listed property, built in 1849, was originally used as a police station and lock-up with two cells, and was the home of the local constable.

In the 1960s a single-storey building was added to be used as a magistrates' court. The previous owner, John Chichester-Constable, says: "Both my grandfather and my father sat as magistrates there. I remember my father coming home for lunch one day to say that he had remanded a taxi driver who was charged with strangling his woman passenger with a silk stocking.

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Now the court is no longer in use, the building's ownership has reverted to the Chichester-Constable family who have decided to sell.

"I THINK people like the idea of a place that has a history and the one remaining cell proves that," he says. "It contains a lavatory - but the chain is outside to stop anyone harming themselves. This place has an The four-bedroom modernised property

has attracted a great deal of interest, both from serious buyers and from the purely

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sale at £225,000, lies in its antiquity and history. "You can buy a box on an estate anywhere," he says, "This building has all its original roof trusses and it has never been lived in, so a new owner will be the first."

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There is a sense of living in a historic building - the former 150-year-old winery and the building where the drays were kept are close by. says Mr Kerr, a chartered surveyor. "Most visitors say that that they cannot smell the vinegar any more - with some disappointment I think." The only reason the Kerrs want to leave the development is to get a house with a garden for their baby. When Richard Lythe, an

instrument technician, bought a former RAF transmitting station in East Yorkshire seven years ago, his plan was to live there and possibly to establish a smallholding on its two acres.

It is totally isolated, stands 26 metres above sea level and has wonderful 180-degree

views," he says. "I can see ships going down the River Humber to cross the North Sea, Withernsea lighthouse in another direction and Spurn Point, which is ten miles away, in another."

Mr Lythe and his partner Elaine Robinson, a teacher, spent months re-rendering the 30ft tower attached to the single-storey Nissen building. which would easily make a five-bedroom house, and planting a hedgerow of hawthorn, hazel, crab apple, blackthorn and wild roses inside the chain-link fence.

The previous owner had converted part of the hut into fairly basic living accommoda. 🗟 tion and we lived there in a A caravan for some time." Mr 🔆 Lythe says. "Unfortunately the. ... whole project has just become 🍰 too big for us and we are having to sell."

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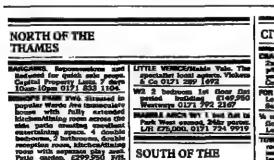
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ore and more parents are buying a home from home for their offspring to live in while at college. Besides easing their worries, it can also bring a triple benefit.

First, they solve their child's accommodation problems. These can be especially acute in cities with large student populations where there is an unseemly scramble for affordable rented homes.

Secondly, by sub-letting the other rooms in the house to their child's student friends, they can ensure that the rental return covers both the mortgage payments and the student "landlord's" living costs. Finally, if the parents buy wisely

- especially if the property is in a popular student area - they might be able to sell at a profit, often to other parents, when their child graduates. Alternatively, some parents find that their investment reaps such a healthy rental return that they retain it for income after their child has moved on.

This summer. Tony Flewelling bought a house in Winchester from another student's parents for his 21year-old daughter, Jane, who is on a four-year teacher training course at King Alfred's college.

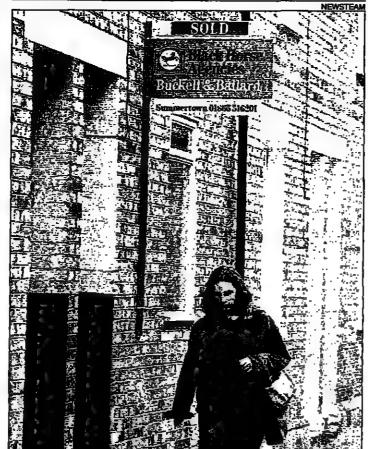
"Jane is in the third year now, so she already has friends she can share with." Mr Flewelling says. "I was looking at putting something into a pension fund, but decided instead to buy a house and keep it for ten to 12 years as an investment. Our mortgage was nearing its end so we remortgaged our house. taking advantage of today's favourable interest rates."

This enabled Mr Flewelling to buy a three-bedroom house on a former council estate for £65,000. He converted the dining room and another downstairs room into bedrooms, giving five lettable rooms which he rents out at £42 a week each. Tenants pay half-rent during the summer break.

"The house is solidly built and in an area that students like - Jane was renting just five doors away last year," he says. "Houses there sell well. We have redecorated and replaced most carpets on the basis that if it starts off in good condition, hopefully the tenants will keep it that way. We hope another group of Jane's friends will follow after her, or we could go on to the college's accommodation list."

Many colleges run a headleasing system: they lease the As demand for student accommodation

outstrips supply, more parents are purchasing houses for their offspring



In Jericho, Oxford, a two-bedroom terrace costs about £105,000

property from the landlord and deal directly with the student tenants, an ideal solution for parents wishing to carry on letting after their youngsters have left

Professor David Warner, the pro-vice-chancellor of the University of Central England in Birmingham, where 1,000 student beds are head-leased, says that a contract between landlord and university is mutually beneficial.

'We pay the landlord for a whole year, even if some rooms are not let. and in return the landlord accepts a lower rent," he says. "Many land-lords prefer to deal with us than to have the bother of finding tenants. We try to impose high standards on the properties, especially safety

measures such as fire doors and smoke alarms.

"It is a useful system for parents after their child has left. I think parents buying property is a viable proposition so long as they can offload it when they want to. The advantage is that you are giving your child good accommodation with the potential of it costing nothing — and the housing market may have risen by the end, when they may sell to another parent."

According to the Black Horse estate agency chain, parental buying has picked up during the past five years. "Last week alone we had five inquiries," says Frances Winstone-Partridge, the senior manager of a branch in Oxford.

"There are 15,000 students in

Oxford out of a population of 135,000. While most live in halls of residence for their first year, they like to find their own accommodation after that. In popular areas such as Jericho, in north Oxford, a room in a shared house costs about £70 a week," she says.

"If a parent wanted to buy a twobedroom terraced house in Jericho it would cost about £105,000, or E135,000 for a three-bedroom house. We find that many parents buy the house and then carry on letting because it is such a good investment. However, demand is so strong that they would have no trouble selling. There was a 5 per cent increase in prices in the first few months of this year."

But not every student can find more than £40 a week in rent - a fact that potential buyers should take into account in the price they pay for a property. Wayne Keenan, drews, has a cheaper alternative to Jericho, There have been more parents buying this year than last, especially in east Oxford where £80,000 to £100,000 buys a threebedroom house," he says.

ow prices and a shortage of accommodation make Nottingham a popular househunting ground for parents. A two-bedroom terraced house there costs £30,000, a threebedroom £40,000 to £50,000.

"Nottingham and Nottingham Trent universities are two of the most over-subscribed in the country," says Jason Whowell, of the Black Horse agency in the city. "Rents are about £37 a week. It is expensive to get someone educated but this way parents can release equity in their own property, ensure that their child lives rent-free and still have cash left over for essential repairs."

In Newcastle, Black Horse's area director Peter Hepburn says that Jesmond is the biggest-selling area. "We sold a three-bedroom house to parents with two children for £64,000 in 1993 and they sold it two years later for £72,750," he says.

Bristol is another popular place for parent buying: parents made up 10 per cent of inquiries to the Clifton branch of Andrews this summer. The Halifax estate agency chain earmarks Manchester, Hull. Nottingham and Birmingham as popular with parents, but adds a word of warning that might prompt parents elsewhere to do



some research: "A few years ago. many parents were inquiring in Sunderland but the university built a major development for students. so the demand fell off."

Some parents take the exercise a stage further and act as guarantors for their children, so that the children can qualify for a mortgage themselves. This trend was strong a couple of years ago but appears to have gone cold recently. Earlier this month, 19-year-old

James Booker from Cheltenham took charge of a three-bedroom terraced home in Exeter, where he is about to start the first year of a four-year engineering course. The house had already been singled out for him by his mother, Pauline Collingbourn-Fothergill, and his grandmother. Margot Collingbourn-Beevers.

"I thought it was sensible all round," Mrs Collingbourn-Beevers says. "Pauline and I decided to look around and we found this house, then reported back to James. He was thrilled. He had just had a gap year and earned some money that he could put in, so it was not just handed to him on a plate. It cost £49.000. My daughter and I lent him some money and I am guaran-

tor for the mortgage.
"I hope it will be self-financing, so he will only be paying out what he would have paid on rent. He hopes that two friends will move in with him to pay rent."

"I was amazed at the sort of house you could get for the money,"

James says. "I have a job lined up for the holidays doing an apprenticeship as a motor engineer at a small garage, so I will be able to keep mortgage payments up in the summer. I am really looking forward to living there."

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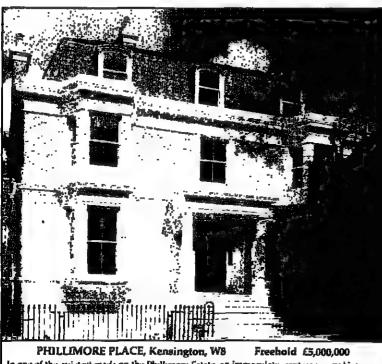
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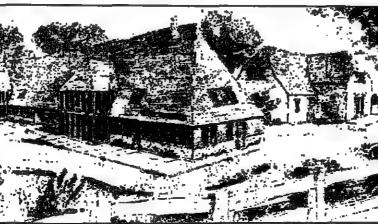
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ted peonies, poppies, roses, sunflowers, dogwood, freesias and more, while the cottagey Bedroom Arrangement (ISin high, 18in wide, £32.07 phis p&p), consists of realistic country, romantic, garden and dog roses, hydrangea and Queen Lace in summer

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Make sure mailing list by September, so you can see the magnificent arrangement of popples, laurel (with berries) and wild roses that is about to be released - this is so spectacular that a friend who went with me to check out the flowers ordered her Autumn Arrangement on the spot without knowing the price!

We agreed that, although well photographed, the brochure does not do justice to the Another good source of sil-

ken flowers from an azalea tree (38in high, £69) to flowerpots brimming with miniature pansies (10in high, £14.95) is Georges d'Epinois's shop in Fusham, London, I was very taken with a glorious trough of anemones and ornamental cabbages (2t long, 544.99), and also liked yellow irises arranged with oriental simplicity in a verdigris pot (l6in high, £44.99), white peonies in a blue-and-white bowl (2ft high. £69.99), rustic baskets of (12in high, £17.50) and vibrant ranunculus in toleware pots (17in high, £24.99). Next time I

have a vase to fill, though, will be calling in Helen Hardy of Semper Floreat, who creates peerlessly naturalistic arrangements of silken and parchment flowers to order.

She specialises in luxuriant displays which mix wild and cultivated blooms with foliage. berries and even "branches". and her prices are very

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Rustic arrangements include larkspur in a terracotta pot (13in high, 14in diameter, £35), a rough wheel-shaped

From left: Charlotte Hepworth's hyacinth, £85, from Nina Campbell. Auricula in terracotta pot by Charlotte Hepworth, £85, from Nina Campbell.
Dried Larkspur in encrusted terracotta pot, £35, from Fast Flowers. Orange slice and strawberries from Fast Flowers, £75. Azalea bush in basket, £69. Georges D'Epinois

twig basket piled with South African hill flowers in green and shades of purple (12in tall. up to 19in diameter, £35).

Their only non-natural arrangement consists of "clementines" arranged with "laurel leaves" in a terracotta flowerpot (£25) — they may be plastic, but they are so convincing that I have reserved a couple for my Christmas table.

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simple chic in beautiful glass or practical plastic bottles with стеат and black labels. Вохез are also cream and black, with black ribbon. Malone's 13 colognes (£28 for 100ml) smell wonderfully clean and fresh. Many people change their

scent according to the time of day, the season, their mood or where they are going, and these colognes bring just such a variety of occasions to mind: Red Roses in floaty summer mood; Wild Muguet for spring: French Lime Blossom or Veryver for a country walk: Amber and Lavender for crisp autumn days: Gardenia or Tuberose for creating an intoxicating cloud of romance.

They are light and, in the main, not gender specific. although a member wearing Tuberose or Gardenia to the Garrick Club might cause raised eyebrows.

There are also bath products in all fragrances - the Grapefruit shower gel (100mls, £8.95)

anyone to emerge feeling other than slinky from a bath scented by Nutmeg & Ginger (100ml plastic travel bottle E12.95). Use the mail order Sent a Scent service to send fragrances to friends.

The Travelling Cologne Pack (£145), a leather case with three glass decanters which can be filled from a choice of

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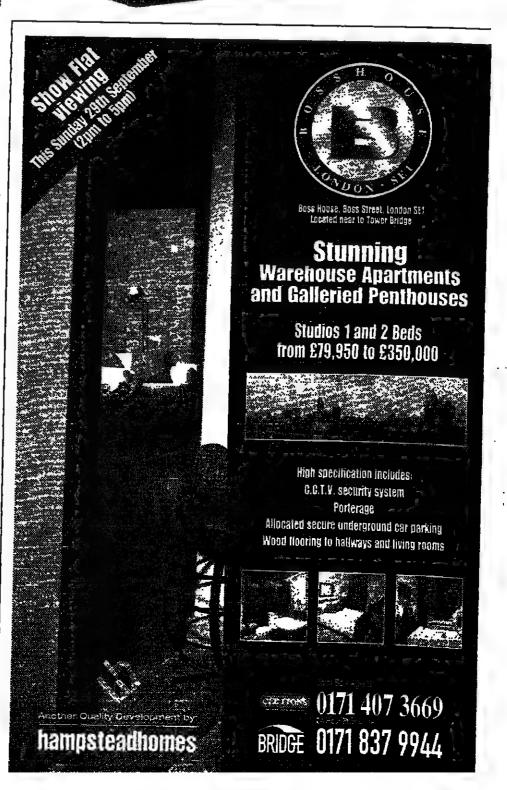
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know swear by Malone's skincare range, based on natural ingredients, and rely on the expert advice of her staff. Their Protein Skin Serum (£29.95) is an international bestseller, with every new consignment winging its way out of the door almost as soon as it arrives.

Used in tiny amounts, it adds to the skin's absorbency and increases the efficiency of moisturisers, gradually plumping out the skin. I have been using it religiously around my eyes and have noticed a definite reduction in fine lines. I have also been converted to a regime using her Essential Massage Kit. After three weeks friends are starting to comment on my radiant complexion.

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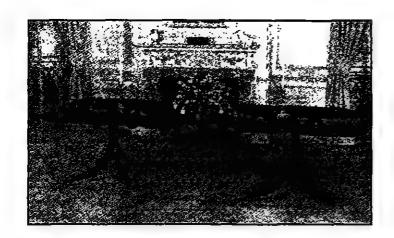
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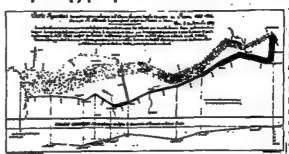
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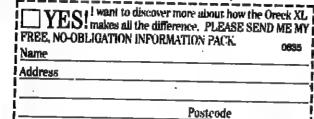
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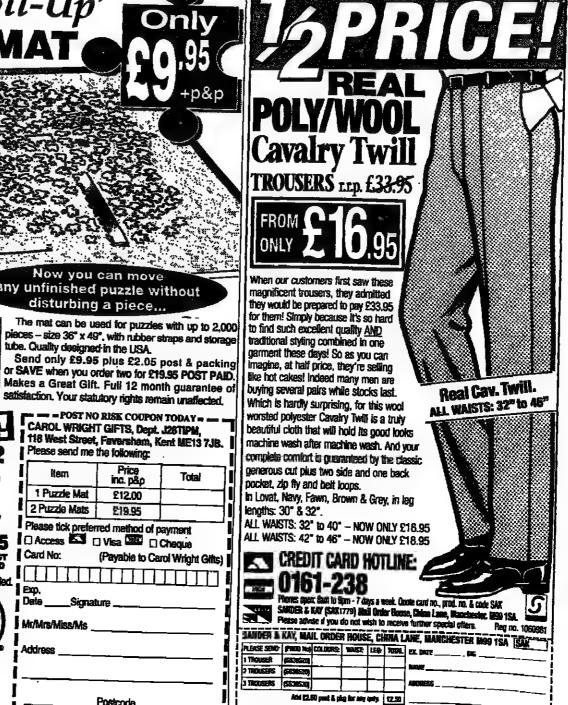
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The Uncertainty Principle is not a novel in which it is easy to become quickly absorbed. This is mostly because of its fractured style: time and place zigzag confusingly across one another and speech is indicated by hyphens, not speech marks, which makes it even more difficult to follow who is talking to whom,

explores bold ideas about the nature of life, death, ghosts and coexisting worlds ■ THE UNCERTAINTY and when and where. Even when you get used to it, this latter stylistic

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driver. Benny, a famous and popular scientist, disappears to Los Angeles, where he constructs another life for himself, a life than that suggested early on is revealed. Helen and her husband. Benny. are mourning the death of their daughter. Laura, who was killed unknown to Helen. Helen remains nine years earlier by a hit-and-run in England with their son, Tim,

until Benny decides to return, pick up where he left off, and kill himself. Benny believes in parallel universes. He believes that ghosts, coincidences and prophetic dreams are tantalising glimpses of other, co-existing worlds. Helen is sceptical— until she sees their daughter in the flesh across a crowded American shopping mall. Her subsequent search for Laura, and for the Benny

who went missing, both physically

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hero type, but then Charles

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and metaphorically, after Laura's death, takes her on an unexpected and mind-blowingly complicated journey into both their pasts. Revelation and re-evaluation is the name of the game, as the once-solid background to Helen's life dissolves, throwing the characters in the foreground into sharper relief. As Helen herself observes, perspective is only ever a matter of context. and context is dependent not just on

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The Uncertainty Principle has its problems but it is a fascinating novel. Ruth Brandon is not afraid of either the experimental or the esoteric, and she has managed to combine serious scientific inquiry with a gripping story. Her writing is interesting and refreshing because it is genuinely thoughtful, and her interesting and response to broad and intellectual concerns are broad and unusual. If her prose lacks a little panache, it is no matter. Her ideas. and her readiness to explore them in the difficult realm of fiction, are more than adequate compensation.

shoes, he gets round to most of

the important issues: class. virtue, the environment, evo-

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en and hell, the weather. The

ground is covered at break-

neck pace: Higson makes his

points neatly without compro-mising any of his sardonic

edge.
At £15 for 200 pages, Mister
Kitchen's brevity — barely a
single plane journey or a short

evening's entertainment - is

one of its very few faults; a

glaring hole in the plot and a

somewhat weak ending are

the others. Nevertheless, it is

very funny and utterly

Higson works in television

comedy and it is easy to

imagine that, when he wrote

this book, the author was

thinking in terms of television,

where he could make a real

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unstoppable.

NOVELS IN BRIEF

Murder on the old in New England

MOONLIGHT BECOMES YOU By Mary Higgins Clark Simon & Schuster, £15.99 ISBN 0 684 81750 0

WHEN, at a Manhattan party, photographer Maggie Holloway runs into her longlost stepmother, Nuala, she is delighted at the prospect of becoming reacquainted with someone to whom she was once close. Her pleasure is short-lived, however — on arrival for a weekend at Nuala's house, she finds her stepmother dead - apparently the victim of a random

There are worrying incon-sistencies to this theory, and Maggie decides to investigate the crime herself. Who could have wanted Nuala dead and is her death linked to the unexplained deaths of several of her friends? Set in the affluent world of New England's resorts and retirement homes, Mary Higgins Clark's well-crafted thriller maintains the suspense without faltering. and offers some enjoyably chilling moments.

RANGE OF MOTION By Elizabeth Berg

Black Swan, £6.99 ISBN 0 552 99716 1 THE situation central to Elizabeth Berg's book, in which a man lies in a coma after being struck on the head by an icide. seems improbable at first until you realise that unfore-seen disaster often has this slightly fantastical quality. In any case. Berg's main concern is not with Jay, the unfortu-nate victim of Fate's cruel

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Berg: coping with loss

wife, who has to deal with its effect on her family life and on her own state of mind.

In the intervals between visiting Jay in hospital, Lainey finds consolation in her friendship with Alice, her apparently unflappable nextdoor neighbour, and in a new relationship with a man she meets at the hospital. Berg offers a sympathetic portrayal of the loneliness of coping with this kind of bereavement, counterpointing the sombre-ness of her narrative with the optimism of its closing pages.

FAMILY OUTING

By Alison Habens Secker & Warburg, £12.99 ISBN 0 436 20206 9 GRACE BLOOM'S parents. Garth and Gaynor: are psychotherapists, about to pub-lish a definitive study of the family — as well they might, given the oddity of their own. For while Grace bestows her sexual favours on Nigel and Simeon and Dave - and occasionally Kelly, when she feels like a change from men - her true affections lie with Eugene, her brother.
Eugene's love life is less complicated — but only

because he is keener on sleeping with Grace than pursuing other women. The perversity of Alison Habens's scenario might seem contrived - if not actually tasteless - were it not for the deadpan humour of her narrative. Refusing to condemn her incestuous pair, she reserves her satire for their monstrous parents, and for moral relativists in general.

CHRISTINA KONING

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John Naughton on a career only a step away from the oldest profession

tic remains the novel's major weak-

ness. However, as the highly unpre-

dictable plot unravels, a narrative

far more complex and captivating

Bring on the dancing girls

■ SHOWGIRLS Jonathan Cape, £18.99 ISBN 0 224 036157

EARLIER this year. I watched several hundred men and women exploring the World Wide Web for the first time. After being given a brief introduction to the Internet, each was directed to one of the "search engines" which index the Web and told to explore this brave new world of online information. An astonishing proportion of the men then immediately typed the same two words: "Pamela Ander-

I should perhaps explain that Ms Anderson is the heroine of Baywatch, in which she appears wearing a swimsuit several sizes too small for her. My observations of Internet novices confirmed what I ought to have known ariyway — that this over-stuffed dame has become a sexual icon for millions of contemporary males. Her Web pages receive hundreds of thousands of "hits" every

novices would have typed the words "Josephine Baker", the name of the black American showgirl who took Paris by storm when she appeared on stage wearing only bright pink feathers. The audience, crazed by her exotic, athletic sexiness (she was the female equivalent of a Bugatti, someone said), went bananas. Some fled the theatre, while others stormed the stage. screaming, clapping and trembling on the brink of orgasm. Pamela Anderson has had many proposals of marriage on and offline, but I doubt that she has received the 40,000 propositions made to Baker in her heyday.

Andrea Stuart's book is that unlikely thing, a scholarly



The queen of Paris: Josephine Baker in Paris Qui Remue at the Casino de Paris. 1930

book about a topic that most regard as a music-hall joke. She has written a natural history of the showgirl phenomenon, surveying its ori-gins, growth and decline over the course of a century through a series of intriguing essays on the, er, seminal figures in the story -Mistinguett, Colette, Jose-

phine Baker, Barbette, Marlene Dietrich and Mae West. Their stories share an underlying theme, namely that successful showgirls were pragmatists who never lost sight of the fact that they were essentially marketing one thing - sex. Most were born with few advantages beyond their physique, and they were

determined to make the most of it. The best may have lived impossibly glamorous lives. and been worshipped by thousands of slavering males, but in the end the line between the stage and the brothel remained exceedingly fine. As Mae West famously said: "I used to be Snow White - but I

mary Wells is the illustrator whose satisfying Sendak-like work has been teamed with Opie's magical selection some are rhymes you have never heard, yet which will become part of your life. For over-fives, the most attractive poetry anthology in

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ing while lecturing his teenage cousin or a cabble, visiting his

dapper, philosophical drug dealer or during a light. Lurching about in dead-man's

Mother Goose — what every parent needs to know

explain in her charming introduction to My Very First Mother Goose (Walker, Goose £14.99, ISBN 0 7445 4400 9) what nursery rhymes are for. I am taking her advice and quoting "Davy Davy Dumpling, boil him in a pot, sugar him and butter him, and eat him while he's hot" at my toddler when he is in a tantrum. He hates it, but it makes me feel better. Roseabridgement of a long-lost

Victorian story. months is Alice Taylor's A Child's Book of Irish Rhymes (Barefoot, £9.99, ISBN 1898000 33 6), all simply dressed, imaginative poems of

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CHUMEN childhood, and easy for a child

of eight upwards to memorise. Some fine new editions of "classics" are around now but beware: the words "a retelling" on the cover generally mean "hasty and cynical rehash of something out of copyright". Berlie Doherty's "adaptation" of Juliana Hora-tia Ewing's Our Field (Col-lins, £8.99, ISBN 0 00 185510 7) is not one of these - rather, it is a sensitive, finely illustrated

> Susan Saelig Gallagher has created a strong new vision of Oscar Wilde's The Selfish Giant (Macdonald Young Books, £9.99, ISBN 0 7500

2127 6) with her sculptural, suggestive paintings. The gift-ed Austrian artist Lisbeth Zwerger admits she has never seen the whole of the MGM movie of L. Frank Baum's The Wizard of Oz (North-South, £14.99. ISBN 1 55858 638 5). Consequently her elegant, surlook straight at Baum's words. as they should. Like the young readers (nine and upwards) who will treasure this book, Zwerger brings no cultural baggage to the text. A pair of green-tinted glasses is supplied with each copy as

Zwerger found painting the Emerald City intimidating. Margaret Atwood's Prin-cess Pruncils and the Purple Peanut (Barefoot Books, £8.99, ISBN 1898000 654) is a pariour game - nearly every word begins with or leatures the letter P, which makes the story preposterous, prim yet pleasing — possibly pupils of eight-plus will be inspired to

put pen to paper.

SARAH JOHNSON

Lytton Strachey's essay on Florence Nightingale makes

an odd appearance as a Pen-

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True life studies

WHOSE lives do we really want to know about? The chart below, Derwent May writes, gives the ten bestsellers that BookTrack has recorded. over the latest 12-week period, in the 600 bookshops that it monitors. They are listed in order of the number of copies they sold, and we also give the amount of money each has grossed in sales (the authors

themselves normally get 7.5 to 10 per cent of that). Margaret Forster's story of the contrasting lives of her grandmother, her mother and herself is easily at the top of the list, with another family history of three generations of women - Jung Chang's Wild Swans - next. After that it is mainly popular biographies --heroes of the cricket field, a murderer, a pop group, and the "scandalous life" of a 19thcentury woman traveller, Jane

Digby, whose last husband was a Bedouin sheikh. However, Hitler's architect, Albert Speer, evidently continues to fascinate readers, and



Digby: a life of scandal

with Sebastian Faulks's study of three Fatal Englishmen at No 14. John Keane's book on Tom Paine at No 15, and Tom Bower's book on The Perfect English Spy - Sir Dick White - at No 20. That's better.

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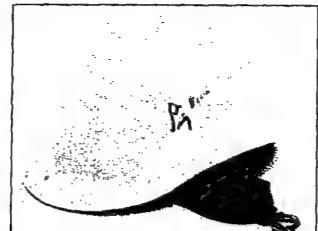
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28 1996

You could be the owner of one of these famous F1 racing helmets — and at least you'll be able to put it on



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to good to Frank, but these helmets are among Formula One memorabilia being auctioned by Brooks at London's Dorchester Hotel on Monday: worn by, from left, Jody Scheckter, Nelson Piquet, Stirling Moss, Nigel Mansell and Damon Hill

Found: a skidlid fit for a bighead

how Car 96
helped to find
a solution to a
would-be biker's
outsize problem

rank Horack has a problem: he is a bighead. Not that you could tell just by looking at him, but Frank's cranium is one in a million. The problem is that he wanted a motorcycle to ride to work—but that meant wearing a helmet.

The average head size is seven and a quarter inches, Frank's is eight and an eighth — two sizes bigger than the biggest available in bike shops, which sell around 300,000 helmets a year. Frank scoured the country — even travelling to a specialist dealer in Dublin — but to no avail.

in Dublin — but to no avail.

"Every dealer just shrugged their shoulders and said: "You are out of luck mate." he says.

"They just didn't believe it when I told them my head size until I tried to put one of their helmets on and it didn't get past the tops of my ears."

Using the logic that everything in America is bigger, one dealer told him to try a dealer in the US. Frank faxed a request for help along with his helmer size. "They faxed me back: 'Are you kidding? There must be some sort of mistake."

There was no place to turn for help except Car 96. There were no outsize motorcycle shops in Yellow Pages, so we took Frank to Metropolis Motorcycles, one of London's biggest bike shops, to see if it might have something in its cavernous stock cupboard.

But Frank knew it would not work: he has only owned two hats in his life, and one of those had to be specially made. He was right. Manager Ian Waldock stared in disbelief at his tape measure and then at Frank's crown while his assistant. Olivia Ferrari, unboxed helmet after helmet to find one the right size.

She pushed, he pulled. Frank grimaced. They tucked his ears in, they squashed his nose, but nothing was going to fit. Ian admitted: "We have only seen four heads this size all year so we will have to send out for something a bit special for Frank."

Frank might not like it. but



Frank Horack and the Shoei that fits: "Dealers just didn't believe it when I told them my head size until I tried to put one of their helmets on and it didn't get past the tops of my ears"

he is at the start of a new trend because Britain's heads are getting bigger, according to Helmets Integrated Systems in Scotland, which uses research on head sizes for its manufacture of helmets.

Jan Korny, sales and marketing director, says: "The problem at the moment is that manufacturers are working to European standards using anthropometric data which is probably more than 20 years old. In the next five years, they will have to update this because the small number of people with big heads is about to become a large number as people ger bigger with each generation."

Everoak, a London company which builds helmets to order, could have helped, but the minimum price is £235. against £150 for a standard helmet. Managing director Jeff Poulter believes Frank is one of a growing number of frustrated would-be bikers.

ore and more people are genting interested in bike riding, so we will start encountering this problem," he says. "There are as many different head shapes and sizes as there are potatoes."

It seemed that Frank would be condemned to a life with his head exposed to the elements unless Car 96 could come up trumps — or he became a Sikh, the only bikers with an exemption from wearing helmets because of their turbans. Frank in a turban? No.

Frank in a turban? No.

But help was at hand. A

breathless telephone call from lan Waldock revealed he had gone direct to Shoci, the Japanese helmet manufacturer, which had found an extra large helmet—size XXL—for him. Shoci and the other main maker, Arai, sell no more than five XXLs each a year. Frank dashed back to Metropolis where Car 96 waited for the

moment of truth. He parted the straps and ... his head slid gracefully into the helmet. Frank shall have his motorcycle after all.

Shoei was so pleased that the company decided to donate the £150 helmet to Frank to

the £150 helmet to Frank to send him happily on his motorbiking way. Frank was delighted. "After all these ways I can at last

all these years, I can at last think realistically about getting on a motorcycle."

TEN THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT HELMETS

• Size is calculated by taking the circumference of your head and dividing by pi (3.14). Two best-selling helmet manufacturers. Arai and Shell, do not sell more than five extra-

large helmets here annually.

◆ Most expensive helmet is an Arai, priced £499, and the cheapest £35. The average price of a 7½ (medium) size helmet is £150.

◆ Men usually buy helmets a size too large and women two sizes 100 large. Women with long hair do not need larger helmets and

could wear a necktube to keep their locks in place.

• Deafness is more of a danger to bikers: Southampton University reveals up to 20 per cent of motorbike riders suffer deafness caused by the windrush over their helmets.

Wear ear plugs.

● Helmets are plastic or fibreglass lined with

polystyrene padding underneath comfort material. Kevlar, used for cockpits of Formula One cars, is increasingly used.

• In 1905, Henry Armstrong, Newcastle

upon Tyne's medical officer, disputed the widely-held belief that the human body was shrinking, quoting milliners who were selling bigger hats.

• In the 1970s Dutch scientists discovered

the coconut shell was better at absorbing shocks than any helmet on the market.

• A £6-per-bottle helmet sanitiser. Shift it, allows bike riders to clean the inside of their helmets incread of busing a personne.

helmets instead of buying a new one.

• Everoak, founded in 1778, made helmets for the Light Brigade.

 Motorcycle City is the largest belinet retailer, selling around 20,000 from 15 manufacturers.

Hats off to lots of great drivers

Alan Copps in

auction gear

I from the plain white shell that resembles a polo helmet with its peak, leather straps and ear protectors worn by Stirling Moss, to the Day-Glo stickered, sponsors' advertising domes of Nelson Piquet and Jody Scheckter.

From the patriotically emblazoned Union Jack of Nigel Mansell to the London Rowing Club colours of Damon Hill and the tartans and St Andrew's crosses of Jackie Stewart and David Coulthard: every helmet tells a story.

Frank Horack might wince at having to pay £200 or more, but if he wanted to buy a piece of Formula One headgear hed have to pay thousands; even a baseball cap signed by Michael Schumacher could cost £800.

The record price for a helmet is held by one worn by Ayrton Senna, sold earlier this year in Geneva for £40,000. But such is the current enthusiasm for anything worn or signed by a leading driver that it might be in danger.

The Moss helmet especially is a rarity and provides an excellent illustration of how things have changed over the years. It is one of only four that the British ace wore in a career spanning 13 years in the top flight and the only one to ever be offered for sale. Brooks' expert Peter Card is reluctant to put an estimate on it. but Damon Hill's hat worn in his first Grand Prix at Silverstone in 1992 is estimated at £6,000 to £7,500.

"Now the Formula One authorities insist on helmets, clothing and shoes being changed after a certain number of hours racing. In those days racing kit might have lasted a lifetime," says

Hats are naturally expected to be among the top lots, even one worn by Pedro Lamy, Minardi's Portuguese driver who has struggled to qualify for many grands prix this season is estimated at £1,600-£2,000. Other items include an undershirt and a pair of boots worn by Hill, which could prove good investments if he clinches the championship in Japan next month.

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Whatever Britain's Thrust SSC achieves, it will be of no use to ordinary mortals driving down the Old Kent Road

A 700mph dash to total irrelevance

have always had difficulty with speed for its own sake. I understand and enjoy motor racing, for that is speed for the sake of winning a race. Speed across water can be thrilling, even without a racing context, for shifting aside tons of reluctant water provides a certain (if self-deceptive) sense of

overcoming nature. But I cannot for the life of me work out what the world land speed record is all about. The British Thrust SSC Team team plans a dash across the Black Rock Desert in Nevada next month, this time in an

attempt to break the sound barrier. What exactly is this for? In the old days of land speed record attempts, there was at least some connection with reality. The object was to see what speed could be achieved over the measured mile in a vehicle that might reasonably pass for a car.

The first record was set by Gaston de Chasseloup-Laubat in an ordinary family saloon: he clocked 15mph, which was considered sensational. But Malcolm Campbell and his son, Donald, made the event

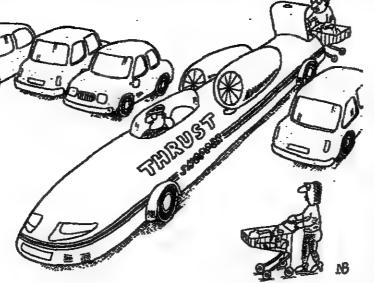
DRIVEN TO DISTRACTION



Peter Barnard

glamorous, still driving vehicles that, although specialised and exotic, bore some resemblance to the kind of vehicle to which ordinary mortals might aspire.

A key change happened after the Campbell records. Until then, the vehicle involved had to be powered through the wheels, which meant it needed a transmission mechanism. This made it, more or less, a car. But when this crucial link was abolished, we were in fantasy land.



And so comes Thrust SSC. This is not a vehicle, it is a pod. It is not powered by anything even close to a car engine, but by two Phantom jet engines. These are designed to break sound barrier and do so with ease. In the air. The question is whether the Thrust team have got the aerodynamics right to the point where Thrust will exceed 700mph without leaving the ground. If so, it will prove nothing whatsoever that matters to me. They will have

contributed nothing to the develop-ment of land vehicles as we known them. The driver of Thrust has about as much of a connection to the ordinary driver on the road as Bishop Roddy Wright has to moral

I expect I will now be told that Thrust SSC (and Craig Breeedlove's similar American rival) are contributing to future car design, that one day we shall all be riding around on top of a jet engine. I think not.

For one thing, slowing a jetpropelled vehicle to the point where ordinary brakes might be of any use involves a parachute, which has spatial disadvantages when slowing down in the Old Kent Road so an old lady can cross to the other side.

Neither am I much impressed with the argument that man will always want go faster, higher, further, so pouring scorn on Thrust SSC defies natural laws that govern our behaviour. But Everest, the fourminute mile and other landmark achievements represented legitimate, natural, ambitions.

if we are going to argue that something which is in nearly all respects an aircraft that cannot leave the ground has set a land speed record, we might as well argue that the Wright brothers set a land speed record a moment before they reached take-off speed.

I hope that the Thrust lads break

the sound barrier on land. No doubt there will be lots of exciting scientific data about what happens when a sonic boom occurs two feet above the surface of the planet. But nothing alters the fact that the land speed record has become disconnected from the ordinary person's understanding of what constitutes travelling on land. That in turns means that Thrust SSC may be an object of our curiosity, but can never enter our

group which sells 25,000 new and used cars a year, has been

careful to hedge against just such a problem by ensuring it

has a mix of stock so it is not

too exposed in any single car

and judge for myself."

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Given the wide disparities

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various restrictions in operation both ways which will cause regular peak time A400 Kentish Town. Resurfacing on Fortress Road means southbound traffic is being diverted from the

Archway roundabout and northbound from Camden A406 East Finchley. Traffic down to a single lane on the North Circular Road at

various locations between the various locators between the A1 and Colney Hatch Lane. A4005 Harrow. Temporary lights and restrictions on Roxeth Hill for repairs between Middle Road and Harrow hospital will cause peak time delays.

SOUTH-EAST A329M Berkshire closed southbound between 9pm and 6am between the A4 and the Winnersh Triangle for resurfacing work. Diversions via the A4 London Road and the A329 Wokingham Road. A40 High Wycombe lights Oxford Road for roadworks. A287 Tunbridge Wells,

Kent. Temporary lights on Frant Road between Birling Road and Roadean Road for roadworks. Expect delays. M25 Surrey, Various restrictions and lane closures both ways between Godstone and the A3 as major widening work continues along the 19-mile stretch. A273 Hessocks, West Sussex. Restrictions on London Road for construction work with temporary lights.

SOUTH-WEST A374 Comwell. Resurfacing work between Trerulefoot and Milladon. A381 Teignmouth, Devon. Restrictions for reactworks between Salcombe Dip and Inverteign Drive. MI Gloucesterahlru. Contrallow between the Bristol West and Clevedon junctions as major roadworks continue, with a 50mph speed firmit across the Avonmouth Bridge.
A38 Gloucester, Major
roadworks continue at the Cole Avanue roundabout. Expect long delays which will also affect traffic from A2062 Baffy, Some Restrictions on Prior Park long peak time delays.

e MIDLANDS & EAST ANGLIA A500 Staffordshire. Contraflow between Talke and Stoke on Trent as roadworks continue. Expect regular delays.

M6 Cheshire. Carriageway reduced to three lanes in the widening work near the

Thelwall Viaduct between the Lymm and Croft junctions. A6 Leicestershire. Contraflow from just north of the M1 junction 24 to Sawley Island (B6540) as major roadworks continue, with no right turn into Donnington Lane A143 Rickinghali, Suffolk. Superior Lane closed in both directions for roadworks. A41 Wolverhampton.
Temporary lights on Bilston
Road between Eagle Street
and Chillington Street for canal
bridge strengthening work.

M6 Lancashire. Lane closures both ways for repair work between the M61 and M55 junctions will cause delays as traffic builds at peak periods. A59 Bolton Abbey, North Yorkshire. Beamsley Hill closed for major roadworks during the week with a diversion via the A65. A62 Hollinwood, Greate down to one lane between Mersey Road and Bower Lane as M66 construction work M1 West Yorkshire, Longterm roadworks continue around the Leeds junction with lane and speed

restrictions as a result. Expect delays on the M1, M621 and Dewsbury Road. • WALES A48 Cardiff, Restrictions eastbound on Eastern Avenue. ust west of Allensbank Road bridge near the University Hospital. A470 Powys, Temporary lights at Ffridd Fawr near Lianbrynmair as roadworks

A472 Pontypool, Contra-flow between Pontemolle and the Heron roundabout. Expect lengthy delays, especially from the A4042. M4 Monmouthshire. Lane closures between the Magor and Newport junctions as major widening work continues. Expect regular

rush hour delays. SCOTLAND A90 Angue, Contrellow on the Brechin bypass at Cookstown for madworks. M50 Perth and Kinross. Roadworks both ways on Neccesity Brae Bridge will cause delays at peak periods, ASS Parth, Construction work continues with restrictions and temporary lights along the whole road. A741 Palsley, Contratiow on Rentrew Road near **Dundonald Road Junctions MORTHERN IRELAND** M22 County Antrim. Dunsiily for bridge maintenance work.
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Courtesy day

SO THE kids wouldn't co-operate, the car wouldn't start and you are late for that vital appointment. But you could still be polite when you finally set off for work, according to the RAC. The motoring organisation is supporting National Courtesy Day next Friday to help the Polite Society, which believes that a little thought would analyze and area. thought would eradicate road rage, among other unpleasant

Volkswagen cuts

VOLKSWAGEN has tried to hit competitors hard by pinning prices of its new Mondeo-competitor Passat as low as possible. On-the-road prices will start at £13,995 for the Passat £ 1.6-litre (100 brake horse power) model up to £21,836 for the Passat V6 Synchro Sport, which boasts a 193bhp, 2.8-litre power pack. Standard equipment includes central locking and anti-lock brakes for all models.

Jag appeals in US

JAGUAR took top scores in a survey to discover the level of standards that are offered by the highest quality cars on sale in the United States. The British manufacturer was alongside the BMW 7-series and Lexus LS400 in the premium luxury cars section of the APEAL (Automotive Performance, Execution and Layout) Study, which determines the attitude of 25,000. American buyers to their new cars, researching issues such as cabin layout, ride and handling, seats, ventilation and sound system. Jaguar's XJ saloons were picked along with just 34 other models in the vast American market in a

According to which book?

Vaughan Freeman finds

different

gospels in the 'bibles' of used

car prices

cars have been warned that resale prices could be adrift by as much as £1,000 as experts fall out over the true value of used vehicles.

Check the motor industry's leading price guides and there is little to help you discover the worth of a used car. The wildly conflicting figures show such disparity that private sellers, auctioneers, dealer groups, motor manufacturers, fleet managers and anyone else closely involved in the used car industry, are finding them-

selves at a loss. The industry's two leading price guides are the CAP Black Book and Glass's Guide. Go to any car auction. and one of these pocket-sized pricing "bibles" will be seen nestling snugly up against the mobile phone inside the sheepskin jacket. Visit your local showroom, ask for a valuation on your used car as a partexchange against the shiny new model you fancy, and the salesman will go over to his desk and slide open a drawer. Inside will sit one, or both, guides, regarded universally as the most authoritative means of putting a value on any car. Both go into minute detail spelling out precise allowances for condition, mileage and specification of every

popular make and model. You would think that an industry which sells around £20 billion worth of cars a year - and selling three times more used cars than new --would be able to agree on just what a model is worth. But compar-ing the pages of the latest CAP Black Book side by side with Glass's Guide highlights the

CAP quotes a trade price of £7,750 for a 1996 Vauxhall Astra 14iLS 60ps five-door with 5,000 miles on the clock; Glass's Guide figure for the same car is £8,750, the only. hardly critical, difference being that this is for 6,000 miles.Glass's gives a retail. forecourt value of £9,825 for the Astra, but CAP values it at

It is the same story for the new Ford Escort 1.6 16-valve LX five-door hatchback: CAP values it at £8,000 on 5,000 miles; Glass's at £8,875 on 6,000 miles, a difference of £875. Whereas Glass's recommends the car be sold for 19,950 retail, CAP gives it a retail value of £9,095.

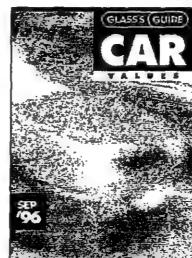


Ford Escort LX five-door hatchback: worth £8,000 according to CAP, but Glass says another £875 — and with 1,000 more miles on the clock

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Small print 2: Glass's say that residual





Vauxhall Astra five-door: Glass's price guide advises dealers that it's worth £1,000 more than CAP recommends

If private customers are confused, then so too are the experts. Competition is fierce between garages in every town and these little books are the closely-guarded secrets of the They are always marked "confidential" and subscriptions are not the least

of the overheads for many small businesses. Paul Tapping, used car sales manager and used car trade manager at Pentagon Vauxhall, Derby, says: The trade is not dealing very well with this situation at the moment."

Tapping, whose business

sells between 700 and 1.000 retail used cars a year and between 1,000 and 1,500 nearly new cars, adds: "We are hoping for the Glass's prices to come back a little bit, but at the moment I'm not seeing much of that happening. Glass's have never kept a car

The values have to be brought down to what the market values the cars at and what people are selling them for. I don't think that we in the

industry should be setting unreal prices, but I do think that two organisations in the same area of the industry should be able to get their values a little closer together." Steve Burrows, Dixons' op-erations director, said: "CAP seem to recognise where the pricing levels should be, and Glass's don't. We think that Glass's is well adnift and don't seem to reflect the true pricing of the car relative to supply. CAP on the other hand are a bit harsh if anything and by taking it down have gone a bit

Burrows says that in recent

old, nearly-new, ex-rental stock has dried up. Chief editor. Arnie Fenn, says: "We both get our infor-mation from the same sources. but it is a question of interpretation. Our values relate to what a retail buyer might pay for a car. We are more retail oriented than CAP and we believe that our higher values reflect the laws of supply and as high as they have the Astra, though I would say too that CAP has been a bit hard. demand. This practice of swamping

the rental market with Astras, Escorts, Mondeos and Cavaliers has ceased. The end result has been a dramatic reduction in the oversupply of nearly new cars that dogged the used market for most of 1995. As a result, residual values have at last begun to improve."

Andrew Wilkinson, CAPs operations director, com-ments: "Our values reflect what is really happening to prices in the industry. We get our information from auctions, dealers, off forecourts, across the board, and the whole CAP team of analysts can draw on personal, firsthand experience in the motor retail sector. And we've invested heavily over the past 10 years in our database, which is why our values are so close to

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Two wheels good for 50 years



goes to Rome to test the new model of a scooter that put Italy and the world on the road

t is not possible to bring Rome to a standstill. tried. Even when the cars have slowed to a crawl, something keeps moving, zipping between, darting in and out: the scooter.

An Italian invention - and one of its most famous and successful exports — the original Vespa turns 50 this year and celebrated the event in true Roman style. More than 500 journalists were flown in from around the world to meet the latest children in the Vespa family, the ET2 and ET4. Even the Prime Minister, Romano Prodi — in the midst of a political crisis - turned up for the party.

Company chairman Giovanni Agnelli was ecstatic. He quoted an article from The Times in the early Fifties: "The Vespa is the Italian vehicle par excellence, whose like we have not seen for centuries, since the age of the Roman chariot."

Addressing manufacturer Piaggio's largest press conference, beamed across the world live on the Internet from the room where scenes for Roman Holiday (remember Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn on a Vespa?) were filmed, Agnelli humble beginnings as an industrial product designed to get Italy moving in the postwar years to a Nineties cultural icon with an extraordinary ability to arouse affection.

"It is unique as the vehicle that not only accompanied but almost guided Italy's desire for freedom and growth; unique as a product that by constantly adapting but never betraying its principles was the first step towards mass motorisation and individual transport for generation after generation; unique as the symbol of joie de vivre in the Dolce Vita years: unique as the answer to the demand for independence advanced by the young people of the Sixties and Seventies.

The Vespa's status as a style icon is unchallenged. Alongside the Zippo lighter and other trademarks such as





The ET4, above, and classic Vespa posters by Raymond Savignac, left, and Italo Lupi

Coca-Cola, it has acquired cult status, helped along by, among others. Sting in Quadrophenia. It is what springs to mind when you say scooler.

Agnelli — dubbed one of Europe's most eligible bache-

lors - is the grandson of Enrico Piaggio, who with Corradino D'Ascanio designed and produced the world's first scooter, in 1946 with the aim of putting Italy "on two wheels". The country's

machines, none is bigger

than the diminutive

Honda C90. The Super Cub family

has sold more than 30 million

Three million sold last year alone

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transport system developed alongside the Vespa, so that today the infrastructure in Rome provides thousands of scooter parking bays, and train stations have lockers for helmet storage.

Plaggio is committed to ive response to congestion and pollution. The Vespa 50 has a two-stroke direct-injection engine, making it the only twowheeler to comply with the EU directives on exhaust and noise emissions before 2000. The 125 has a four-stroke engine which is also environmentally-friendly and fuel-efficient. With more than 15 million

sold, the Vespa identity is now global, and the fan clubs are also legendary. Five Americans rode their scooters from Los Angeles to New York, flew to Landon then rade to Rome for the celebrations, and an Italian, Giorgio Bettinelli, started in Melbourne last September and rode 32,000 miles, arriving in Cape Town a year later - having changed only one tyre and two spark plugs. We put the new scooters

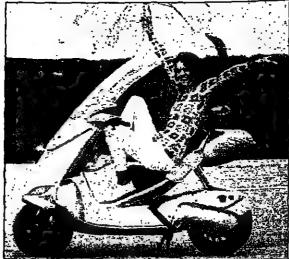
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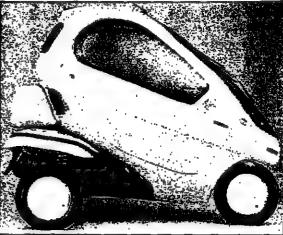
Simple lines instantly Vespa

equally legendary Rome traffic, racing round the Colos-seum and pootling past the monument to the Italian king and egoist extraordinaire. Victor Emmanuel. British motorcycle racing ace Sean Emmett

Scooting towards tomorrow



The Spazio is an aerodynamic descendant of Vespa



... which is changing direction with its P103 concept

DESIGNERS working on the two-wheelers of the future have incorporated the latest aerodynamics to come up with the curvy Spazio. Its steeply raked screen does not conceal the fact that it is a direct descendant of the Vespa and scooters we recognise today. But what of Piaggio's Pl03 concept vehicle, which turns the idea of the scooter into something completely different? A single-seater, this is a three-wheeler with egg-shaped bodywork, two doors and front and rear luggage space though still powered by an economical 50cc engine for high fuel economy.

also put the new additions to Lago). I wasn't keen on the added to the chaos on the roads under the benign eye of the carabinieri and at the mercy of surprisingly indulgent car drivers.

Rome traffic is virtually controlled by scooter riders, and car drivers seem inured to their presence, defensively dealing with standard adventurous displays, occasionally giving a petulant hoot at a more outrageous manoeuvre.

The looks of the ET2 and ET4 are undeniably Vespa, the simple lines instantly identifiable, but with Nineties detailing, such as the sophisticated instruments and the range of fashion colours (rust and navy blue, and a shocking betacarotene alongside the more traditional pistacchio, cream and black — a range of colours arrived at with the assistance architect Adalberto Dal

optional police riot-shield-style Visor, although I could see i being a useful weather harrier

The back rack is handily briefcase-sized. The ride is easy, the scooter is light and agile. with foolproof twist-and-go technology and more than enough power for city driving. Promoting what has now been identified as the "Vespa Lifestyle", is a range of clothing and accessories designed by Marco Trapella for W.P. Lavori and a book. The cult of Vespa, in which a range of writers, philosphers and gurus, from Umberto Eco to Francesco Alberoni, deconstruct the legend. Well worth delving into over an espresso.

■ The 125cc Vespa ET4 retails at £2,449; the ET2 will not be on sale until next vear.



I was usually right to imagine a large vehicle about to overtake

Vaughan Freeman relives the pleasures of riding a Honda C90 Then it comes to big-selling

A very small big seller

- as the peoples' favourite from Brazil to Thailand, Indonesia to Vietnam, and for many years the generators to bicycles to get Japan best-selling two-wheeler in Britain moving again. There followed a too, where it remains the favourite bicycle fitted with Honda's own two-stroke 50cc engine klt, com-plete with white fuel tank for, as One single fact gives the cheap and cheerful C90 all the credibility Soichiro explained: "Only when it needs: 100 miles to the gallon, aesthetic value is added to practical minimum - and it's a true figure. value does a product become

Then there are the stylish touches perfectly commercial." Unlike other small two-wheelers such as sturdy legshields and the semi-automatic clutch. There is the Cub, in 50cc, 70cc and 90cc also a step-through frame for form, used a more advanced fourstroke engine giving extraordinary power levels for the time, the 50cc The machine has changed little since Soichiro Honda came up with producing the equivalent of 90 the idea. After the Second World brake horse power per litre.

new small bike, believing if they could sell it in the land of the leather-clad Harley Davidson biker, they could sell it anywhere. Six years after launching into the US. Honda was selling 268,000 Cubs a year. Production passed 5 million in 1967, 10 million in 1974, and 21 million in 1993, with the Cub bikes manufactured in 11 countries and sold in more than 120.

So, what is it like to ride? John Harris runs his own Honda dealership in Crowborough, East Sussex, and loaned me a C90 to blow away the cobwebs and wind back the careful run-through of the controls, I was on my way. L plates on proud

Tirst reaction is how incredibly - easy it is to ride though an effective top speed of 50mph is academic. Even 40mph seems quite fast enough. The engine is very smooth and the three gears, operated by the left foot, easier to operate than those on a modern

The brakes, one operated by the right foot, and the other by the right hand, which also has the twist

throttle, seem adequate and give confidence. All the control buttons are big enough to operate with gloves on, though I kept forgetting to cancel the indicators. The very upright riding position makes you susceptible to crosswinds, the ride is very comfortable. The only worrying factor was the feeling that at such a modest pace there must be a large vehicle just out of sight behind me and about to overtake. Usually there was.

What do his customers think of the bike? "Wherever you go in the world, you'll find a Toyota pick-up truck, and a C90," Harris says, Many of my customers have a bigger bike, or a car, but use their C90 for getting to work, or going to the station in the morning knowing they will not have any parking problems. It's perfect for pootling around and will rum on petrol Vapour it's so economical."

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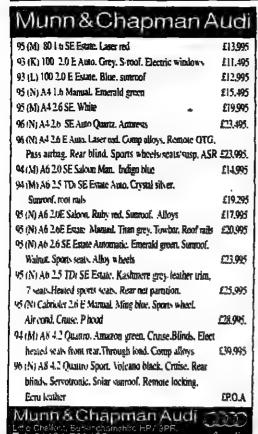
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How you arrange a foreign love affair

Vanessa Feltz tells Helen Mound about the perfect Figaro in her life

was looking for a new car, she had no idea what she wanted. All she did know was the she didn't want what everyone else had. The television presenter says: "All my friends were driving BMWs and Range Rovers, but I thought they were just too obvious, too fast and too duli for me."

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But as soon as she saw a picture of the Nissan Figaro, she knew that was what she was searching for. Unfortunately, she couldn't have one because Nissan does not sell the little retro-look car outside Japan, not officially anyway. But then Vanessa discovered there was a way to find the car of her dreams with just a little more effort than just wandering along

to the local showrooms. For she is one of thousands of British motorists who choose to buy a car through

personal import rather than drive a 'If I had to run-of-the-mill model for sale in this consider Foreign carmak-

something ers do not always send their most inelse, it triguing models to Britain, even though would be the 22 bus' ing to capture cars which often look in-

dividual yet do not cost any more than cars here. One example is the Figaro, a remarkable design planted on the chassis of an unremarkable Nissan Micra, although the white leather, art-deco interior comes complete with stereo and

compact disc player. Six years ago, Nissan only planned to make 20,000 but was overwhelmed by the demand from 350,000 potential buyers for the little cars with styling which harked back 50 years. In the end, they had to issue lottery tickets to narrow down the number of customers eligible to buy. However, a few have now found their way through the net and into the hands of willing sellers and agents now exporting the cars — costing between £16.000 and £22.000.

Just as well, because Vanessa's heart was set on one. "It's just so far-fetched, a lot of

fun to drive and so different

looking." she says. "I love it, If i had to consider something else, I think it would be the number 22 bus, because there isn't

another car as perfect as this." The Figaro is so popular, Vanessa describes it as her "mobile coffee morning". She adds: "It's a big problem if you've got spots or a bad hair day because people constantly stop you and ask questions about it. There's definitely no blending into the traffic."

Trimmed with white leather the Figaro is fitted with every possible luxury - "Except a Jacuzzi which is a great shame"
— but she won't be selling it. "I'm often pursued by people with chequebooks, I get five or six offers for it a week, but it's definitely not for sale."

That level of interest probably indicates just how bored drivers become with their Escorts and Cavaliers - and why the personal importers

seem to be thriving. Drivers go to them not necessarily to beat British prices, but to find cars they ordinarily could not get. So far this year, agents have imported more than 1.000 Simon Lerner of

agents of specialist We sell to people who want a car that's a little bit different. But they can still find a

local dealer who knows how to service it when it comes in," intercar's most popular imports are the Toyota Lexus Coupe and Nissan Skyline GT-

R. The company also imports Paul Linas of Eurolink, import agents of Japanese cars already in the West, particularly in European markets, admits that there is an enormous demand for unusual sporting and luxury cars. "When Honda

bring it in and are still getting orders for it." Eurolink can source most Japanese cars that meet British road requirements and take just three weeks to deliver because they come from closer to home, just across the Channel.

The Honda Beat, a miniature

stopped importing the Integra

in the Eighties, we continued to



two-seater sports car to rival the Suzuki Cappuccino, can be imported for £8,300. The Nissan Sunny GTI-R, a Japanese equiv-alent of the Ford Escort Cosworth, can be found for E11,200. Used models imported by Nissan itself three years ago now sell for around £15,000. As a rule, choosing a personal import to save money doesn't work. When the pound was strong a few years ago, thousands of British motorists went to Europe to buy left-hand drive Volkswagens, Mercedes-Benz and BMWs, believing they were getting a bargain by buying abroad. In fact, once they paid the ferry fares, hotel costs and equipped the new car with

the savings were very small. Now the pound has weakened, the Europeans are coming here

ut some prestige im-ports can be had cut-price. The Honda Legend four-door saloon sells in the UK for £32,995. but Eurolink imports the Japanese model for £29.650. A twoyear-old Mazda MX-5 with 25,000 miles on the clock would sell here for around £13,000; Linas claims a personal import

costs just £9,600. And it's not just Japanese personal imports that are finding homes in the UK because American muscle cars are proving equally popular. The success of imported left-hand drive cars is evident from the number available on the UK's used car market. Despite some unscrupulous left-hand-drive dealers charging premiums, there's not much difference between second-hand values of left and

right-hand drive cars. Of course, personal imports have their headaches: choosing a car is the easy part with shipping, registering and taxes the complicated end of the deal unless you use a good agent who can overcome some problems such as paperwork and lanuage barriers. Because they deal in bulk, they can negotiate better prices than an individual. However, the importer must have owned, or at least driven. the car in the country they are importing from, and that means

going to the Continent or USA to collect it. Japanese imports are delivered to Holland or Belgium from where the official personal import can take place.

Although traditional cur insurance firms load premiums on imported vehicles. Emma Kirkaldy of Privilege Insurance. specialists in covering unusual cars, says: "We don't penalise left-hand drive car owners." Su once in the UK, personal importers no longer need to suffer at the hands of insurers.

And then it is pleasure all the way for the motorists who find the car that stands out from the crowd, like Vanessa with her Figaro, a car that tens of thousands of Japanese were dying for only to see it slip away ... to a happy driver in England.

IMPORT FACTS

COST: Flights, food, hotels, car insurance in the country of origin, shipping costs, which can be anything from £1,000 upwards, 10 per cent customs duty added to the full cost of the car, including shipping. and 17.5 per cent VAT.

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SUPERCAR FIND



Inseparable: Hussey and his Skyline

The only replacement Anthony Hussey I would consider for his personal import is ... another one. Even though it was launched in Japan in 1969, the acclaimed super saloon Nissan Skyline GT-R has never been imported to Britain, forcing Hussey, a director at Connolly, leather suppliers to the world's top carmakers, to import one from Japan. The 2.6-litre twinturbocharged supercar, which holds the production car lap record at the Nurburgring circuit in Germany, has 370hhp. as powerful as Ferraris and Porsches.

He bought his car four years ago through an agent. The car was shipped from Japun to Guernsey, the whole operation taking less than a month. "When my cousin. Jonathan Connolly, went to Japan for a business meeting with Nissan I suggested he take a look at the Skyline as a possible company car." he says. "We ended up buying three, sold two, and later I hought another for myself. They're all trimmed in

the finest Connolly leather, of course."
Hussey paid £32,000 for the car, which has now overed 95.0(0) miles. "It's the ideal practical bargain supercar. It's blindingly fast and wonderfully unobtrusive. I like the fact that no one knows what it is, so it doesn't attract much attention. I have no idea what I could replace it with. There's simply nothing to compare for performance, build quality and unobtrusiveness. I plan keeping it until I've done 150,000 miles, because it feels like it could last forever."

Vaughan Freeman looks at the overseas manufacturers who are in pole position on the UK sales grid

standard UK specifications -

such as sunroofs and stereos -

There's no place like home for importers

ix out of ren cars bought in Britain are now made abroad. Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders figures show almost 63 per cent of cars sold in August were imports, compared to 60 per cent for the same month last year.

The global car business means that cars with ostensibly British badges are actually made overseas, particularly Europe. Cars from the Continent account for half of all cars bought here, with big-selling names, such as the Ford Mondeo - made in Belgium and the Vauxhall Corsa (Spain) leading the way. The rest come from Japan (just over 7 per cent). with cars from Eastern Europe taking 1.9 per cent, and "other countries", such as Daewoo and Hyundai from Korea, account-

ing for 3.5 per cent. So who are the foreigners proving so successful at stealing car sales in Britain? Mitsubishi Motors for one. The Japanese company has just celebrated its 250,000th import, including its tough Range Rover-rivalling Shoguns, since it began selling cars here in 1974. That success has come despite an import agreement limiting the number of Japanese cars that can be sold in the UK. So far this year Mitsubishi has sold 12,287 cars. up more than 45 per cent on the 8.447 it sold in the same period last year to take its highest-ever

slice of the UK market.

Chrysler of the US cannot sell cars fast enough. The company doubled Jeep sales in August to 3,043 from 1.589 for August 1995 and sales for the year so far total 8,163 compared to 4,486 in 1995.

Mazda has sold 18.504 cars in Britain this year, compared to 12,710 last, taking just over 1 per cent of total new sales. Such success is not enough for the hungry Japanese firm though, which plans to sell 25,000 next year and get to 40,000 by the turn of the century.

And it is not just bread-and-

butter volume carmakers who have their eyes on the wallets of British motorists. More exotic manufacturers are eyeing the market avidly. Porsche is enjoying a record year, having sold 1.181 of its high-performance 911 cars so far this year compared to 938 in 1996 -- despite a price range of £59,000 to £94,000. Porsche sales next year will be further enhanced with the arrival in January of its Boxster

sports car. At the other end of the spectrum, Skoda, which launches its Octavia saloon in the UK in 18 months, also has plans to increase its dealer network. boosted by August sales of 3,407

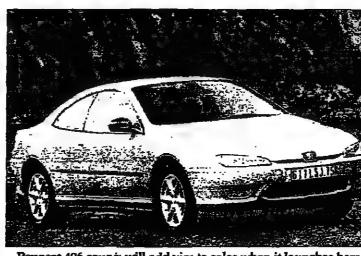
compared to 3.059 last year. But none can match Korean importer Daewoo, which so far this year has sold 16,200 cars. having only set up in Britain two years ago, putting it top of the growth league (above right).

Wherever you look, the foreigners have cause to celebrate. In August, Saab sales rose 21 per cent and Hyundai were up 25 per cent. It will not get any easier for the home-grown tal-ent either. Fiat sales of 63,872 are up 18 per cent on last year and the Fiat Punto is doing only good to the Italian manufacturer's prestige. Meanwhile, the Italian carmaker's subsidiary, Alfa Romeo, has sold all of this year's allocation of 500 Spiders. French carmaker Peugeot will add vim to its sales when it launches its 406 coupé here, and VW, whose sales have rocketed 40 per cent this year, will get an added boost when its all-new Passai arrives.

The irony is that the UK motor industry includes Honda (in Swindon, Wiltshire). Toyota (in Burnaston, Derbyshire), Nissan (Washington. Tyne and Wear). Rover lowned by BMW of Germany). Peugeot (with a factory in Ryton, Coventry). All are selling more and more cars.

But while we buy foreign. more UK-built cars are selling abroad. The SMMT reports that UK motor manufacture rose by 13 per cent in August to total 81,889, the vast majority accounted by cars for export, up 54 per cent from 34,000 in August. 1995 to 52,398 a year later. But production of cars for home

sales slumped 23 per cent.



Peugeot 406 coupé: will add vim to sales when it launches here



Jeep Grand Cherokee: Chrysler has seen sales double in a year

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ROADTEST

Safe ram on the brakes

Huss free, my Sear Cordo-ba SX took me to the dentist and the supermarket, writes Tim Jones. Although I had done less than a mile. I was impressed by its solid feel. But then, nothing. The engine immobiliser had decided to cut in and the AA man could only tow it home.

There was nothing anyone could do - and my road test ground to a halt on day one. Fortunately, a replacement Cordoba behaved impeccably around Wales.

To see what the car could do. Het if off the leash and pushed petrol into its 1.6-litre engine. With 15-inch tyres sticking like glue to the road, my confidence grew with every twist and turn. Suddenly, an angry ram flew through a hole in a hedge. The ram will not appreciate it, but its life was saved by a set of anti-lock brukes which are outstanding for a

among the great names, ex-

cept that he won the last race

at Brooklands, the world's

first purpose-built race circuit.

Baker, captured in this gor-

geous cartoon, was an enthu-

siastic amateur and won at an

average of 99.46mph in an

5.3-litre Straight Eight on Au-

gust Bank Holiday, 1939. The

American-built Graham Paige



The Seat Cordoba SX: solid, stable and sure-footed, it's fast in the country and comfortable driving in town traffic

car of this class and I believed the claim it could stop from 60mph in under three seconds, The 500-mile round trip had

provided an ideal counterpoint to a week when the Cordoba had been required to do no more than a daily 80mile return journey into London through heavy com-muter traffic. To thousands of drivers, this type of stop-start grind is the reality of most of their motoring, so comfort is a prime consideration. On that score, I had no complaints. As important, two burly

acco firm, which has just

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um to remember the race.

back scat passengers were impressed by the ample bottom and headroom which makes the Cordoba spacious and easy to ride in. And. unusually for its price range. the SX has standard fit airbags for both driver and front seat passenger.

What makes the cur an attractive proposition is the quality build which signals its link with Volkswagen of Germany. It is constructed around a very rigid safety cage which gives it a solid, stable

its new V-class people carrier

at premium prices when it

ber. But the German firm will find that there is stiff opposi-

It is obviously banking on

its prestigious name with

prices starting at £21.750 and

all models coming with 2.3-

litre petrol engines. The vehi-

cle superficially differs little

from the competition with the

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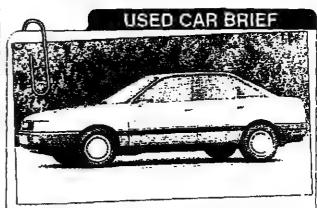


YEARS of development, ousands of hours of agonising over engines and gearbox-es and what did the boss ask? Can I get a golf bag and handcart in the boot? Bob Dover, chief programme engineer for Jaguar's new XK8 sports cars, had to persuade Red Poling, then worldwide head of Ford, to finance the car. After a long and convincing presentation. Poling simply asked if the XK8 passed the golf test, so Dover carried the clubs and the cart to show him The XK8 is launched next month and looks set for critical acclaim. Road test, details and prices next week.



AFTER 34 years, Chrysler is going back to the future by adopting its old "Gold Seal" badge. The company abandoned it for the now familiar Pentastar, but the Americans have decided to go back to the badge introduced by Walter P. Chrysler in 1924.

Renault has given its ailing Safrane range a facelift. Though popular in Europe, UK buvers have been unconvinced, so the car gets a more distinctive from end, new engines and more equipment. Details will be announced during next month's British International Motor Show.



AUTI 80 V6 2.6

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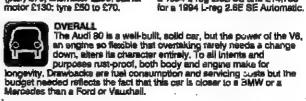
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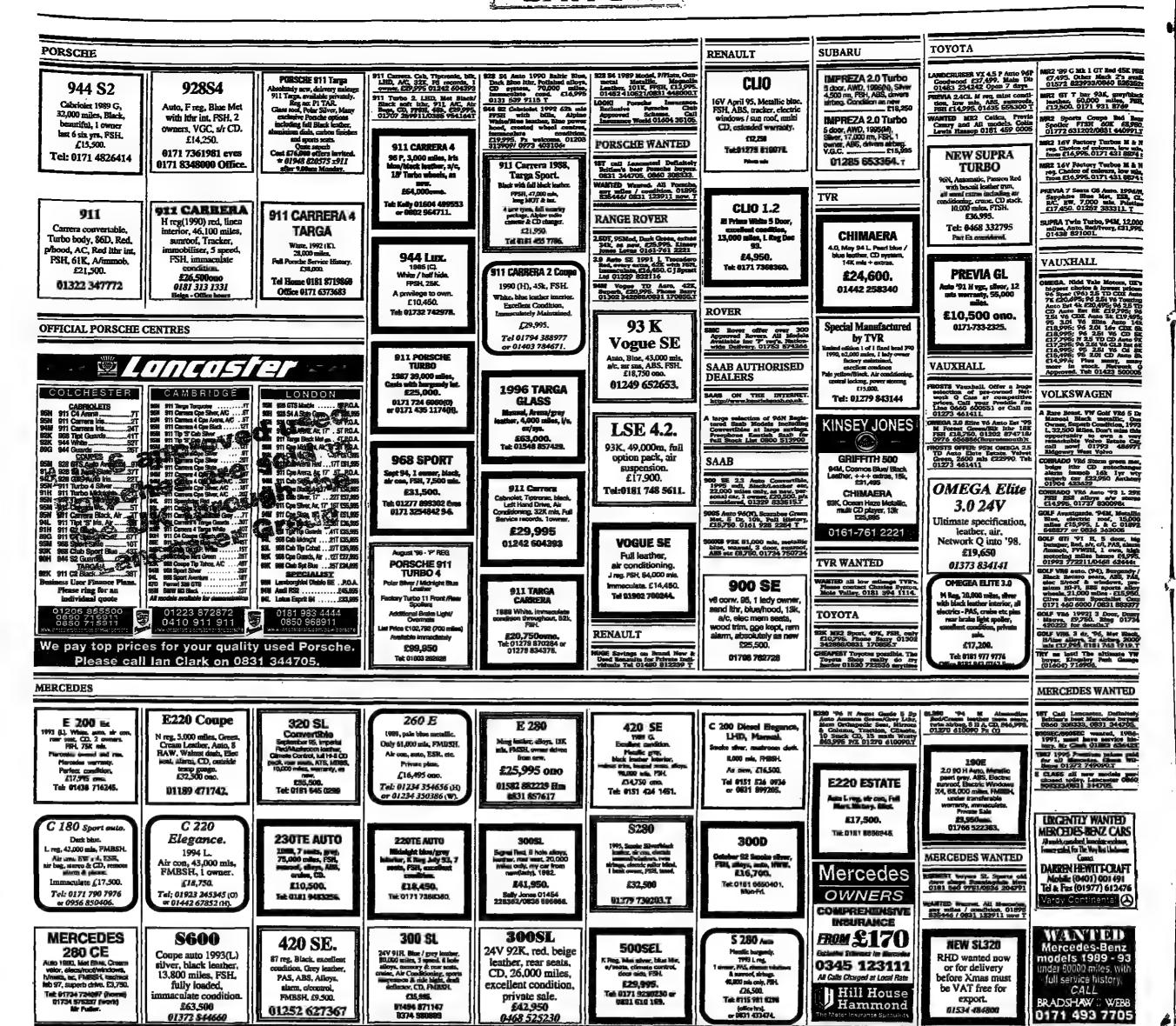
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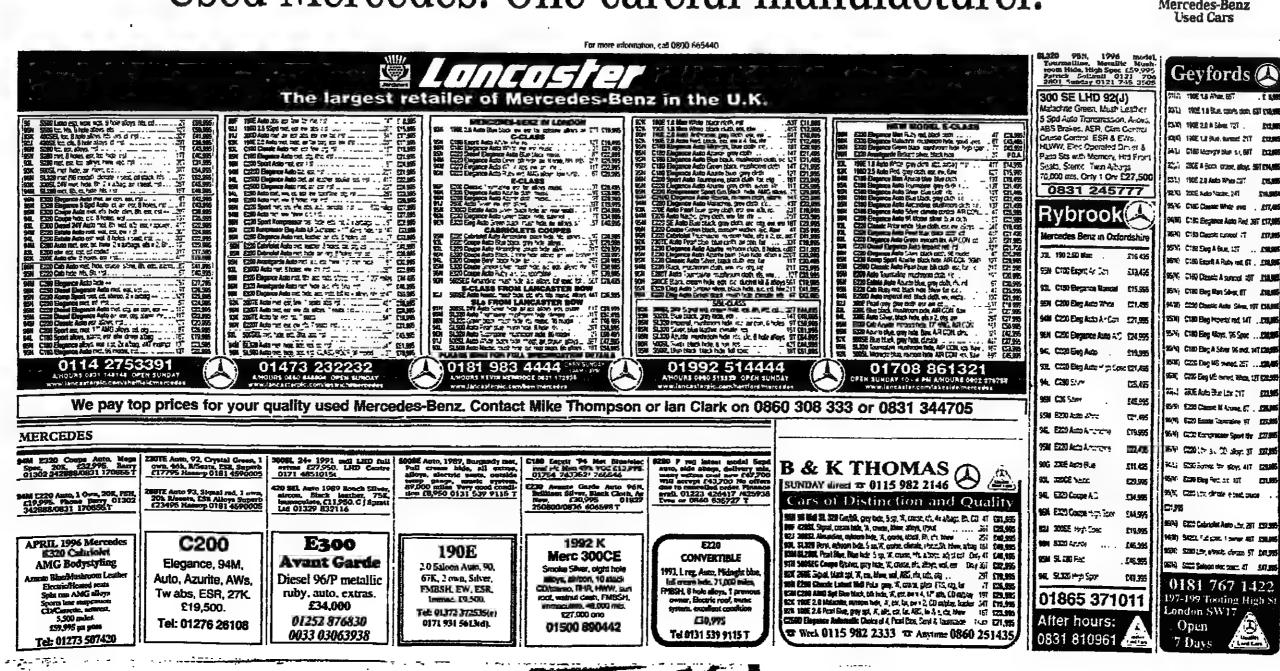
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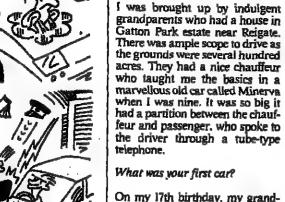
in the Festival of British Racing at Ascot, the richest race meeting of the year. Next year, he will celebrate his 50th Grand National for the BBC. O'Sullevan works tirelessly for charities and received the Help the Aged's Hall of Fame Award. His autobiography, Calling the Horses, has been released as an audio book by Hodder & Stoughton.



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On my 17th birthday, my grand-mother presented me with a red Morris Eight two-seater coupé. I have never forgotten the number plate: RD 6647.

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How did you first learn to drive?

What car do vou drive now . and why?

A Mercedes 300C coupé. After growing out of the Morris Eight category. I settled down with Jaguars for 25 years. It was a stipulation of my contract with the Daily Express.

Do you like driving?

Thankfully, yes. For 40 years, I averaged 45,000 miles a year and from 1945 to 1985, I completed 1.8 What is your most hated car?

The least successful I had was an

Atlantic 90, manufactured by



O'Sullevan and his Mercedes coupé:"I prefer it now because when you get a bit older it acts as an orthopaedic support"

Austin in the early 1950s. It was like a pre-war Aston Martin without the class. It overheated under the bonnet and in the car. It was traumatic. We regularly over-heated crossing the Saint Blon between Switzerland and Italy.

What is your dream car?

The Jaguar satisifed all my dreams of a car as a precision instrument. When I left the newspaper I was surprised how much it cost to keep it running. I prefer Mercedes now because when you get a bit older it acts as an orthopaedic support. When I drove the Jaguar to Gstaad I used to feel stiff. When I get out of the Mercedes I don't.

What is your worst habit in the car?

Impatience, which is against my nature. I become restless. I like to try to improve my French by listening to French stations. I have to guard against it leading me into disastrous situations. It has been known for me to drive straight into a right-hand lane after two hours listening to French radio.

What infuriates you most about other drivers?

When they hog the overtaking lane. I am a fast driver and I am sure they refuse to budge because they know I am exceeding the lawful limit.

What is the most unusual thing you have done in your car?

In 1938 I took the Morris Eight, with a schoolfriend to Europe, and covered 3,300 miles and 10 countries in 13 days. Having been to the Hague and Paris we had only one setback with the car. Arriving in Venice I kept a log of how many times we filled up and we arrived in Venice late in the evening. We had a puncture, the car was dirty, and a leaf spring broke. The bill was 7s 6d (37.5p).

Have you ever had points on your

I'm afraid so: for exceeding the speed limit. Surprise, surprise.

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Red is dead as sports cars go all muted

people ordering blue Ferraris. Is it true that the big red sports car is dead?

I think it's a bit early for the medical profession to pronounce that life is extinct, but all the evidence shows a move away from the bright towards darker colours.

Is this trend restricted to Ferraris or does it cover other makes of sports cars

A it applies across the board. Porsche has done some of the most detailed research. In its British sales over the last ten years, red has plummeted from first to eleventh place. behind blue, silver and even black. In 1985 more than a quarter of customers ordered a red Porsche, 19.2 per cent white and 10.3 per cent black. Last year more than half of all Porsches sold were finished in a more temperate "midnight blue" and only I per cent were sold in "guards red". Lamborghini, incidentally, didn't sell a single red Diablo last

But surely if you can afford a nice racy sports car you want to show off, put it

A That's the old-fashioned view. For years sports car buyers have been portrayed as film producers, rock stars, red hot Mediterranean lovers and middle-aged men battling with the menopause. The theory was that they saw the big red sports car as a symbol of sexual prowess.

A psycho-analyst could have a field day with this. If that's not the case any more, then who is buying sports cars now?

in the 1980s a lot of people who bought in the 1980s a 101 of people these cars were youngsters making big money in the City. Now the main buyers are distinctly more middle-aged. The average age of an MGF buyer, for example is 47.

Isn't that just the age when a lot of men want to demonstrate their ... er ... masculinity?

A lit seems the snape of the fulfil that need, it's not politically correct It seems the shape of the car is enough to to flaunt your wealth in the 1990s, so the rich like to be more discreet now.

But I mought some sports outlandish were famous for their outlandish But I thought some sports car makers colours. Have they gone, too?

I'm afraid so. TVR used to specialise in zany colours such as gold and pink. The most popular colour for the Chimaera and more potent Griffith last year was dark blue.

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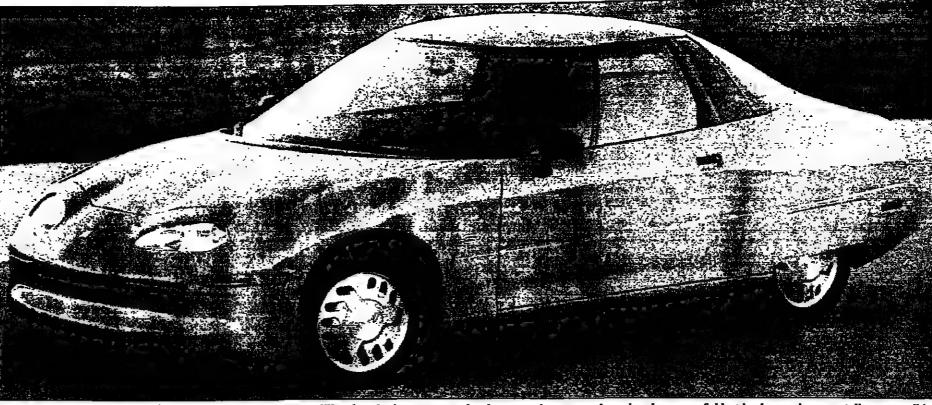


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Equipment: Air-conditioning, cabin pre-conditioning; Galileo brake-by-wire with antilock: high-pressure tyres; electro-hydraulic steering; heated windscreen; projector beam headlamps; portable battery charger: keypad security system; radio/casette/CD system. Price: Approx \$35,000 (£22,600).



The EVI: for the same price - \$35,000 - you could buy a Cadillac, but the image states that its owner is not merely seriously successful but is also environmentally responsible

he instruction is certainly go
— quickly and to the accompaniment of a finely modu-lated whire like a lift rising to the penthouse suite. The driving position is low and snug, the steering wheel near-vertical, as it should be in a two-seat sports coupé. The cockpit looks as if the designer of the Starship Enterprise might have had an inter-galactic hand in its creation.

But this is a sports car with a very big difference: it is all about amps watts. I am tucked inside a General Motors EVI on a proving ground in North Michigan, USA. EVI is the very latest thing in electric car design. Now, after years of preparation and development involv-ing hundreds of test drivers, it is showroom ready.
On sale in the USA this month, it is

arguably the world's most serious electric car. It certainly has a serious price: around \$35,000, the sort of money that will buy the latest Cadillac. The EVI's image, though, states that its owner is not merely seriously successful but is environmentally responsible, able to appreciate an unusual set of wheels and enjoys moving right along when the opportunity presents itself. For EVI whispers its way to 60mph in under nine seconds, and although its top speed is governed to 80mph, throw away the little speed governing gizmo, tweak the machine a little and this current affair could take itself almost 25 per cent of the way towards

the sound barrier. Not bad for battery power.

EVI's looks are a strange mix. At the rear there is a hint of the 1970s Maserati-engined Citroen SM, while the front could be the work of any Japanese car company's design team on a day when all they really want to do is go home. Surely those who designed the back of the car can never have met those who did the front; not even in the middle.

According to your taste, the result is either mildly amusing or refresh-ingly different from most other things on the road. It is undeniably aerodynamic, taking top honours for a production car with a drag co-efficient of 0.19. Anything from 0.25 to 0.30 is regarded as exceptionally good.

Yet this could be the shape of

things to come: technically if not aesthetically. GM has spent a long time, a lot of trouble and 350 million greenbacks on getting EVI to market. Delphi Automotive Systems and Delco Electronics, both part of GM, played a major role in its creation and development of its

mature technological capability. EVI started life in 1990 as the Impact, a high-speed demonstration of just what an electric car could be given the chance. Since then, it has been changed and developed in almost every technical detail. Now it is emerging as EVI with a "thinking" brake-by-wire system and powersaving electro-hydraulic steering. To drive, the EVI feels perky,

responsive and secure, although not

In city traffic, you can expect about 70 miles from the power pack

quite as perky as the specially prepared Impact prototype which ached 183mph two years ago at Fort Stockton, Texas - a new record for an electric car. Despite its quirky looks (the rear is

narrower than the front) the nearproduction car I tried proved simple to drive, and apart from the lack of engine noise could have been a conventional American or even European sports coupé. The Delphi Galileo ABS brake system has a microprocessor which responds with precision to how much braking the

driver requires. In use it feels efficient, coping with ultra-slippery surfaces with aplomb. Because it must carry 25 heavy lead

acid batteries to power its 102Kw motor, GM engineers had to save every ounce of weight possible. EVI has a composite plastic body, the suspension uses aluminium and composite components, and even the seats use lightweight magnesium and aluminium.

But EVI has not been able to overcome one little problem which besets electric cars: it doesn't go very far before it needs a power fix. A

etrol gauge-style instrument shows how much "juice" is left; in city traffic expect about 70 miles, out of town about 90. Drive it like a sports car, using that rapid 0-60 take-off, and the power will go down even more quickly. It carries a lightweight charger in the boot as an emergency to give a few miles if you're caught short of amps.

ust how successful EVI is likely to be is impossible to tell. It will only be when the initial interest

has subsided that this acceptability can be clearly gauged. GM is positioning for the future.

The long-awaited "battery breakthrough" (now a tired cliche) providing the sort of performance, range and "refuelling" package to bear some comparison to a produce may be interested comparison to a produce may be internal combustion engine may be just an engineer's dream. But if it does happen, GM, with an established market position, should be scooping up the profits.

Meanwhile, the EVI is already

going boldly forth to showrooms in Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix and Tucson — warm places where battery power lasts longer.
It's time to get electric vehicles out

of the lab, into the showroom and on to the road," said GM chairman John F. Smith Jnr, announcing that the company would be the first major carmaker in modern times to market specifically designed electric vehicles to the public.

A revolution on hold

Ford's Ka may be cute, but **Kevin Eason** has doubts about it being radical enough

walked around it, shook it, was even tempted to lick it, because the Ford Ka slightly baffled me. It is the Brave New World of motoring, if you believe the inordinate hype which surrounds the launch of Ford's smallest model since the Model T.
And it's easy to be carried

away by a car that looks so cute. Ford's executives are right: there is nothing like it on the roads. Like or loathe those swooping curves and sawn-off lamps, everything else looks bland by comparison. The interior is the best thing

in the marketplace right now. It seems that Ford's design team in Dunton. Essex thought hard about every con-tour on the door handles and switches, the siting of every dial and the colour coordinates to make the cabin as welcoming as possible. And the stereo is wonderful: it sounds great and even your adaft old grandmother could hit the large format buttons with-

out being balfled. Front seats are comfy and there is plenty of headroom. although there are only two seats in the rear and sixfooters will find it cramped. If you are planning to use the Ka to go to Sainsbury's, keep shopping down to a trip to the deli counter: the boot will burst at the seams if you load

it with the weekly groceries.

The drive is terrific too. Ka living up to the Ford billing as ineat and numble, cornering convincingly and stopping surefootedly. Less enjoyable though is motorway driving when the 1.3-litre Endura-E engine sounds stressed and runs out of puff at 70mph. Hit a hill even at speed and the Ka feels as though it is running against a Force Nine headwind, losing momentum.

However. Ford believes the



The cabin is as welcoming as possible, but the engine runs out of puff at 70mph

Ford expects to sell as many

as 20,000 a year in Britain

although fan McAllister, Ford

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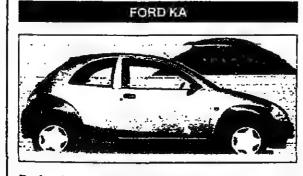
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Engine: Four-cylinder 1.3-litre Endura-E producing 59 brake horsepower driving front wheels. Performance: 0-60mph in 13.8 seconds (14.3 seconds power steering version), top speed 96mph. Fuel economy: 47. Ompg on combined town and motorway driving

Equipment: Driver's airbag, removable dashboard storage container, lights on warning buzzer. Price: About \$7,000 for the basic model.

(42.2mpg. power steering version).

for years about the fact that carmakers baffle buyers with their immense range of options. So the Ka comes in two versions only: the Ka and Ka2. Both have the same body shape, same engine, gearbox. interior basic equipment, and choice of seven colours, Ka2 though gets power steering, central locking, powered from windows and better adjustment for the driver's seat. If you want anything else, such as air-conditioning it's an

how different it is to the competition. Ford says there isn't any, and the Ka stands alone in a class for small cars with big car comforts. True. it is about 500mm shorter than obvious rivals such as the Citroen Saxo and Peugeot 10b, although the Fiat Cinquecento is the tiniest of them all. Then Ford says it is offering simplicity. doesn't that mean

prepared to lick it to discover

there is just less of everything? Big car virtues are things like power steering and electrical bits and pieces - equipment missing from the basic Ka and only available on Ka2. Do other carmakers really not offer those options on their models? Surely they do.

Price will be crucial and Ford will have to beat its target of £7,000 or buyers might as well stick with the extra mom in the superminis. Otherwise Ford will have to make Ka a victory for hype over reality, shrouding the truth that this is a very pleasant and pretty car with hyperbole and claims that here we have the true mini car for the next century.

No we don't: not until Ford outs an engine in it that does 100 miles to the gallon, or an electric motor that can make Ka cruise for 300 miles without charging. Now that would you wand, how hard you be a revolution for the next

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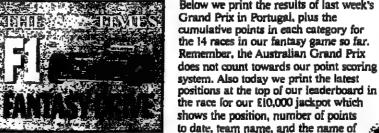
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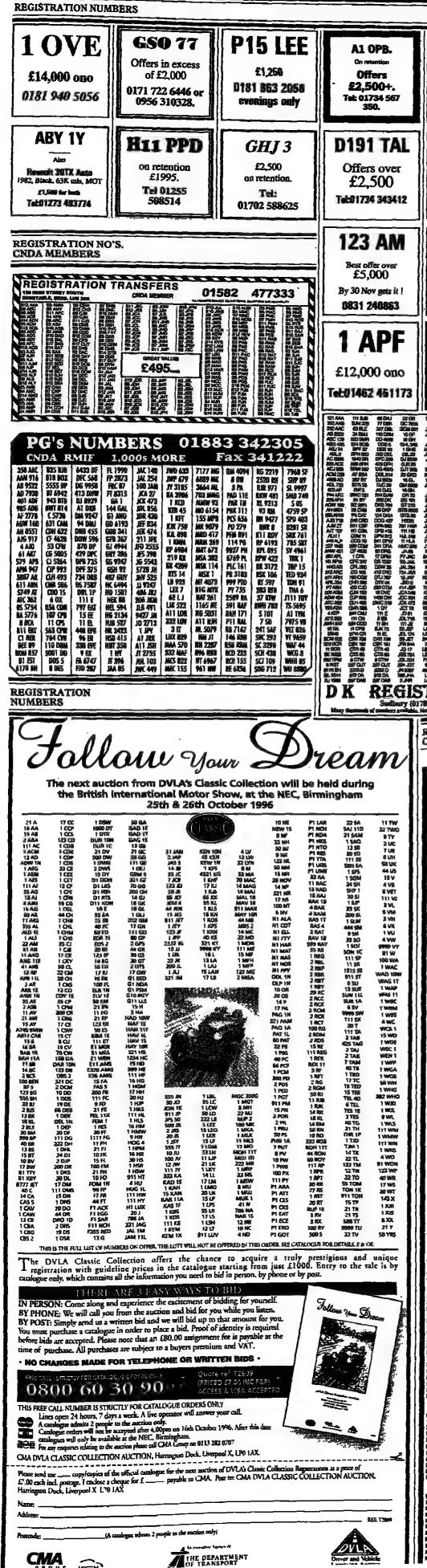
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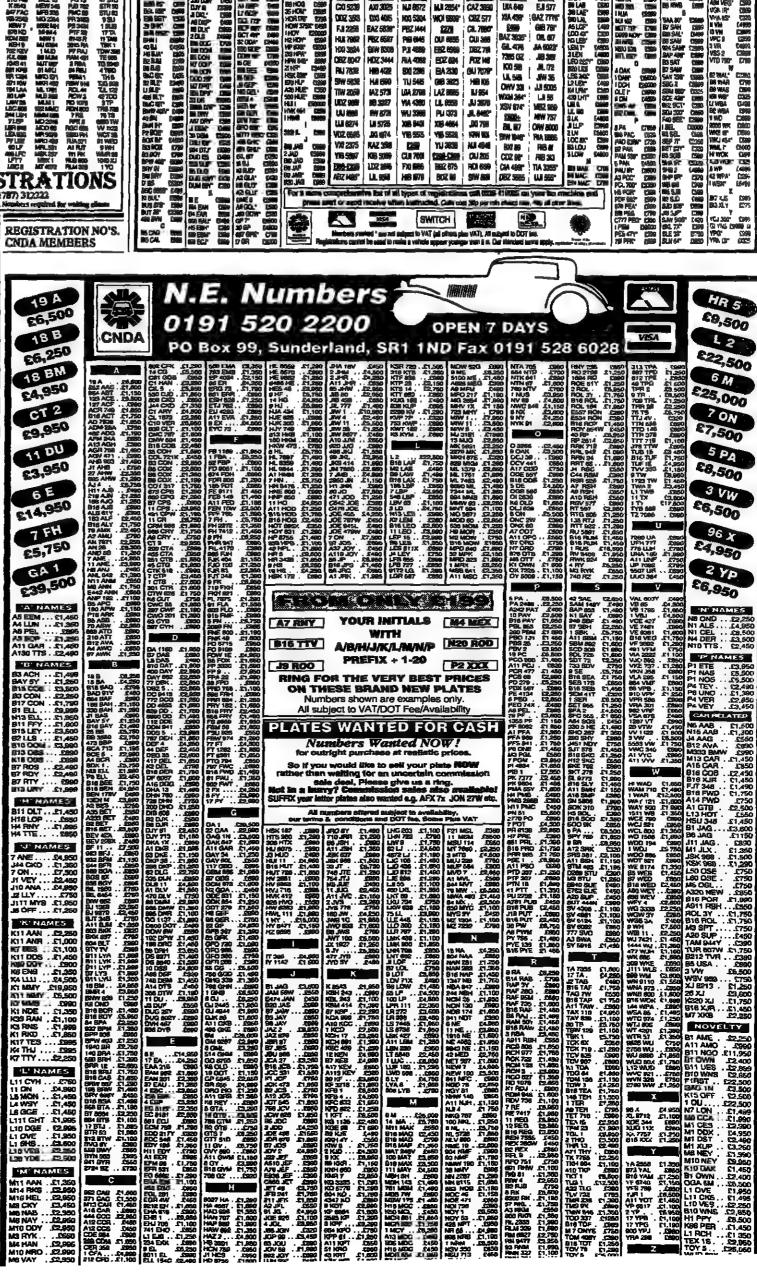
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The scarlet flamboyance of the Testarossa has given way to 1990s-style restraint. Alan Copps reports



Alan Copps behind the wheel of Ferrari's new 550 Maranello: stylishly restrained but faster, more powerful and quicker in every respect than the legendary Testarossa that it replaces

Enjoying the discreet charm of the Ferrari

ay "Ferrari" and what does the word conjure up? Michael Schumacher on the track winning against the odds; the best racing drivers for generations and hordes of scarlet-clad tifosi frantic at the latest victory; big, noisy, powerful, sexy, red sports car—the ultimate boy's toy?

Think again. For it seems that Ferrari buyers are becoming just a tiny bit shy. Even if they have got £143,684.88p for a new 550 Maranello, the rich of the 1990s may not want to flaunt it like those show-offs of the 1980s who fell for the aggressive style of the Testarossa. The 550, the first front-engined, rear-wheel-drive Ferrari for a long time, has more restrained looks and even, whisper it quietly among the diehard

racers, traction control.

"Performance is still the most important thing, but our customers want to be more discreet now," says Tim Watson, sales and marketing manager of Ferrari UK. "There's still a majority who want traditional red cars, but we're getting more orders for metallic blues and greys."

FERRARI 550

Engine: 5.5-litre, 48valve. V12 giving 485bhp at 7000rpm.

Transmission: Six-speed manual with rear wheel drive.

Performance: 0-60mph in 4.3 seconds. Max speed, 199mph. Economy: Average 12mpg, about 8mpg

Equipment: Leather seating, strapped luggage shelf, Sony radio and CD autochanger.

Price: £143,685.88p

This change to accommodate the more restrained style of the 1990s is stressed by Luca de Montezomolo, the flamboyant chairman who is given the credit for Ferrari's recent revival. "I drive a Spider myself every day down from my home in the hills — a blue one," he says, and then

walking through the clinically clean Maranello factory talking about the 550 he stops and points: "You see how good this car looks in blue? It's a car with extreme performance, but one that you can enjoy driving. We don't want you to put helmets on. Extreme cars can be difficult to drive, noisy. But we don't want to make

collectors."

So, given the chance to drive a Ferrari on the company's Fiorano test track for the first time, did I opt for one of these new discreet colours? No. I couldn't bring myself to choose anything but red. I wanted to enjoy this experience in primary colours.

cars just for a small number of

This may be the discreet Ferrari but it is still simply sensational. The most astonishing thing is just how easy this car is to drive. It is not just much bigger, but much faster, more powerful and quicker in every respect than the 512M, the legendary Testarossa that it replaces. It could be intimidating, but it's not.

There is nothing macho about the cockpit: the controls come



Nothing macho about the cockpit, the leather seat oozes comfort even for the tallest driver

readily to hand, the leather seat oozes comfort even for the tallest driver, the dashboard is simple. the six-speed chrome gate of the gearbox is impressive but not daunting, there is nothing to demand special technique, just an air of purpose that calls for respect. The engine doesn't roar or split the ears, the note is steady, solid, louder than most cars, but not extrovert about announcing its 485 brake horse power. Some may have called the front end styling tame, but viewed from behind the wheel the bump of the central air intake is an impressive reminder that here

That power comes in s

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smoothly it can be deceptive. Heading for the hairpin on my second lap, I realise I'm going too fast. I brake hard and the traction control takes over.

or a split-second there's a jerky sensation as I feel those huge rear disc brakes clamp on. I know I'm turning in too late and wait for a tyre squeal or that rolling sensation. There is nothing, the car remains perfectly stable. I steer through the corner and accelerate away.

As confidence increases I switch off the traction control and enjoy the rare sensation of power sliding this car through the

circuit's curves. Even without the electronic help, it is astonishingly well-mannered and forgiving of excessive enthusiasm.

But where all this really mat-

ters is on the road. This car burbles smoothly through the traffic of Maranello from 1,500rpm upwards. Once out on the nearby mountain roads, the handling comes into its own, the responses are so quick and the brakes so powerful there is a feeling of immense security.

irs not exactly the car for shopping, although compared to most of its rivals it has an extraordinary amount of luggage space: enough for two golf bags rather than one.

The dream that I saw in shop windows

John Lawson finally gets behind the famous wheel



Lawson and Ferrari: like a lottery winner

From the days of sticking posters of Ferraris on my bedroom wall I have dreamed of driving one. I have been a passenger, but until Martin Smith handed me the keys of a 328 GTS, I had never sat behind that small black steering wheel with the yellow badge and black stallion.

Smith and his colleagues at Bespokes, the classic car hire specialists, in Bushey, Hertfordshire, must be used to waving off people with stupid grins on their faces. I was no

The first challenge was keeping my eyes on the road when I was distracted by a glimpse of this beautiful car in shop windows and could hardly believe I was driving it. My drive was a leaving present from *The Times* graphics department. I felt like a lottery winner.

ccording to all the articles f have read. being 6ft 3ins is too tall to be comfortably seated in a Ferrari. but I found it had better headroom than a Peugeot 205. With no power steering, in town the car takes a bit of effort, and only on the open road, as the engine note rises and the throttle responds, does this dream become reality. Your whole perspective changes being so close to the

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I found the real power came above 4,000 revs, where most cars are approaching their peak. The Ferrari seemed much happier above this, the noise of 3.2 litres flooding into life

making the stereo redundant.

The sun came out as we came into Shrewsbury, and with the targa top taken off, we drove to lunch with my father at the golf club. Later, checking in at the Coomhe Abbey Hotel, in Warwickshire. I couldn't remember the registration. I just hoped "Bright red Ferrari" might be enough of a clue.

THE MAZDA 323



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Self-indulgent: Dylan Thomas by M.Ayrton (1945)

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and keen and tender. In

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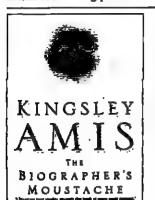
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THE BIOGRAPHER'S MOUSTACHE By Kingsley Amis Flamingo, £5.99 ISBN 0 00 654871 7 STRUGGLING literary hack Gordon Scott-Thompson, fortysomething and decidedly not posh, despite the name. Is commissioned to write a biography of veteran novelist Jimmie Fane, who thinks he is, with his hatred of sloppy pronunciation and men with moustaches. Gordon sheds his moustache and embarks on an affair with Jimmie's much younger wife, before deciding. naturally enough, that the novelist is beyond bearing. This is vintage Amis satire

between the wars in Belorus-sia. Using Helena's papers, Marsden recounts the famwith its merry swipes at the ily's flight from the Bolsheliterary mafia and the soviks and the Germans, and called upper classes and its the sense of impending creation in Jimmie of a truly doom that the world they fascinating, appalling sacred knew was coming to an end monster, a conscious parody in 1939, for a second time. of Amis himself.

■ THE BEAUTY OF THE BEASTLY By Natalic Angier Abacus, £7.99 ISBN 0 349 10769 6

WHO KNEW that rattlesnakes had haunches? Natalie Angier makes science writing into fascinating story-telling. shamelessly anthropomorphising. She presents theories that add detail and nuance to existing beliefs and she unearths the beastly of the beautiful (evil dolphin and cruel orchid practices) and vice versa (cockroaches deserve respect). Among the themes: beauty may be more than skin deep. there's no monogamy in the animal kingdom, the importance of joy and play and eating your veggies. Angier's book puts the poetry into DNA.



■ SABBATH'S THEATRE By Philip Roth Vintage, £6.99 ISBN 0 09 958201 5

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■ GOODNIGHT, MY By Margaret Murphy Macmillan, £15.99 ISBN 0 333 66948 7

BOOKS

Porterhouse alumnus Derwent May finds too much venom and too little humour in Tom Sharpe's charmless new farce

THERE are few television. serials I would more willingly watch again than Torn Sharpe's Porterhouse Blue, his genial black comedy about a benighted Cambridge college. But his mood has worsened, and his new novel, The Midden, begins very badly

that it is practically impossible to feel any interest in them. It is about a stupid, rich They all swear foully not only family, the Brights; and how the life of their idiotic yupple when they are speaking but even when they are thinking. son Timothy gets farcically Their wild depravity is meant entangled with the life (if you to be funny but is so unsympacan call it that) of a totally thetic and monotonous that corrupt chief constable, Sir not a laughing muscle stirs. Arnold Gonders. Everybody is

Laugh? I nearly tried so seamlessly worthless — and described with such unflag-By Tom Sharpe ging venom by the author -Deutsch, with Secker, £15.99

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shares of his 90-year-old Auntie Boskie, and agrees to do some drug-smuggling for a further consideration, but after being given a pipe of hallucinogenic tobacco by an equally unattractive cousin. goes on a 170mph motorbike ride to the North and ends up, dead to the world, in the chief constable's bed. It is almost the last straw for Gonders, already at his wit's end with his entanglements with por-

nography and fraud. It is only when he tries to dump the still senseless Timothy on a hated neighbour. Miss Midden, in the hope of getting her somehow suspected of paedophilia, that the

dramatic conflict. Miss Midden, though no more likeable than anyone else in the book. is at least upright, and battle with the chief constable gets under way.

The farce manages to take ring at the last moment. While the chief constable sits reading the Bible, delighted to discover that Job was finally let off by God, the armed quick

force is approaching Miss Midden's estate, by now convinced that an enormous paedophilic orgy is imminent. There are many deaths, by fire and bullet, and a cook is almost boiled alive - but while the scene is as horrible as any that have preceded it, it succeeds, at last, in being funny.

It must be because the Dean of Porterhouse has arrived, to look after (quite properly) a coachful of boys visiting Miss Midden from the Porterhouse Mission to the East End.

A dead ringer for King

Stephen King has raised his alter ego from the tomb, Peter Millar reports

IMAGINE a dark room in which a grinning monster sits, spinning a web of insidious horror. As you steel yourself to face it, you notice it is looking not at you, but over your shoulder. You spin, taken by terror, and discover at your back a mirror-image of the selfsame monster, its limbs transposed, its eyes reversed, staring over your other shoulder. And all the while the two are coming closer.

Welcome to the dark place, occupied by more than a million human beings, in the twilight zone between Stephen King and Richard Bachmann. Some authors maintain masquerades all their careers, holding to an alter ego as a



King: weird business

separate stylistic personality

— Ruth Rendell and Barbara Vine come to mind. Others dispense with them as they mature. Stephen King murdered his and is now bringing him back from beyond the

Popular fiction's most pro-lific terror-monger has had a hell of a year. Not only has he just completed a "death row" serial thriller — The Green Mile — released in six monthly parts, à la Charles Dickens. to gross more than any of his megabuck-earning single books, but now he has brought forth, in his own expression, twins.

An apparently empty town in the Nevada desert — being who I am, I thought. They're business. Big business.

■ DESPERATION By Stephen King Hodder, £16.99 ISBN 0340654279

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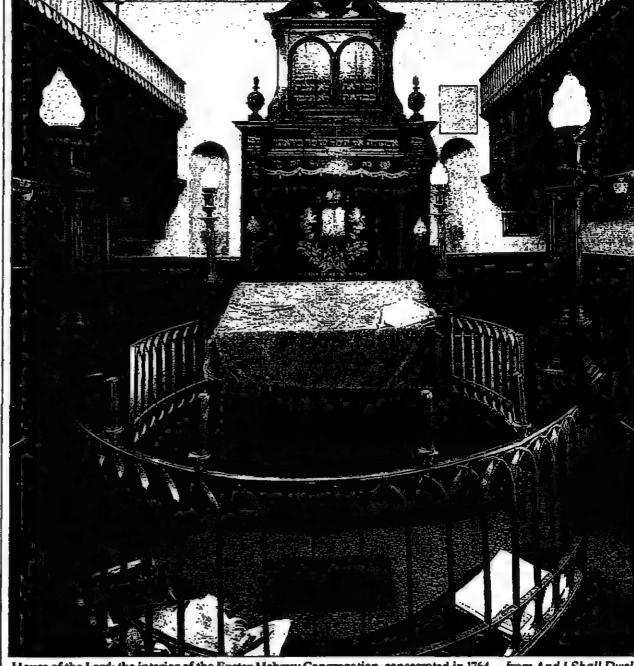
THE REGULATORS By Richard Bachmann Hodder, £16.99 ISBN 0340671769

all dead. Who killed them?" - inspired Desperation, in which supernatural evil has local sheriff. The Regulators superficially takes the same set of characters, including the supernatural being, and transposes them to suburban Ohio, in which the killing agents come straight out of Saturday morning merchan-dising cartoon sci-fi and cable reruns of Bonanza.

Bachmann was originally invented as a camouflage for King's extra output so that the punters might not think they were getting a diluted dose. Hence the irony of bringing him back to life in the author's most prolific year. The dual release might seem a mistake in marketing terms, but my bet is that addicts will buy both and the cross-fertilisation will make casual King fans more aware of his supposedly defunct alter ego. In character, King has invented a whole afterlife for Bachmann, explaining the new novel as a discovery" by his "widow" in an attic trunk, following the

young writer's death "by can-cer of the pseudonym". Despite his attempts to give both books different personae. the stylistic similarities that ied to a librarian's unmasking of Bachmann as a King alias more than a decade ago show through. The double act's genius remains in the conjusing of evil out of ephemera, of a malevolent universe lurking behind the Walmart shopping trolley banality of everyday. small-town America, a world in which ancient, bloodthirsty demons crack Jerry Lewis jokes and sing Peter, Paul and

Mary tunes. Weird. But then that is his



House of the Lord: the interior of the Exeter Hebrew Cong adon, consecrated in 1764 Among Them: Historic Synagogues of the World by Neil Folberg (Aperture, £39.99, ISBN 0 89381 640 X)

A little help from his friend

TELEVISION comics have a warm-up man to soften up the audience before the cameras actually start rolling and the show's star arrives. The publishers of David Baddiel's debut novel, borrowing a trick from his first career, called in a literary warm-up man to whet our appetite for the comedian's first novel.

A large quote on the cover tells us that Time For Bed is, "very, very funny . . . I thought the book was terrific.". Who did? Only Roddy Doyle, that is who.

This puts a big burden on readers. And reviewers. If Len Deighton swears on the jacket of a new Freddie Forsyth that the novel is "utterly gripping", a disappointed reader can still shrug and say that, as it happens, he just is not a fan of thrillers. But funny is either funny, or it is not. If Roddy Doyle laughs, and you do not, then

- excuse me - but, unless you

By David Baddiel Little, Brown, £14.99 ISBN 0316876712

happen to be Woody Allen or Joseph Heller or Carl Hiassen, maybe you should just accept the fact that you have the sense of humour of a blowfish.

So how funny is it? Gabriel Jacoby, the dole-claiming nar-rator, is not only an insomniac, he is mad keen in love with his brother's wife. Alice. to whom his brother Ben - editor of a sports magazine — is happily married. This set-up gives Gabriel (who is Jewish, but not quite Portnoy) plenty of time to toss and turn in bed, fantasising, feeling sorry for himself, and swearing. If he cannot have Alice, what can happiness possibly mean? He decides that maybe

it can mean Alice's sister, Dina. In between pining for Alice and humping her sister, there is plenty of laddish banter and buckets of those observations about life's tiny details that make up a comedian's stage act. If it is sometimes tricky to discern a consistent voice, this may be because it is tricky to write a novel, let alone when you have a comic reputation to live up to. This might explain why there are patches - especially some later, tender ones - that might be overseasoned with jokiness.

But it is not bad for a debut (ask Roddy), especially when Baddiel already has several other careers (television, music. screenplays) on the go. The next book maybe a little leaner — promises to be even better. But then, who am I to say?

JOE JOSEPH

Police corruption, Internet intrigue and the history of America's mean streets

Some arresting

By Bill James Macmillan, £15.99 ISBN 0 333 67059 0 AN EXPERIENCED drug courier is shot dead in an inner-city shoot out, apparently the innocent victim of an inter-gang feud. What makes the case different is that she is just 13, and that the bullets did not seem to come from the obviously suspected guns. The police's inquiries are less than thorough. A peace deal is under discussion between the egregious Assistant Chief

activity might spoil it.

The slightly more moral Chief Superintendent Harpur prefers the option of infiltrating the crooks; but there is a traitor cop who would spot the

Constable lies and the top

gangsters. Too much police

Bill James is a superb chronicler of the relationship between law enforcers and law breakers; both are, to him, flawed people inhabiting a microcosmic society in which they have more in common with each other than with any outsiders. It is a thesis which questions our very notions of right and wrong. James purveys it with disturbing force.

DEBUT crime novels that can be praised unreservedly, with-



"promising", are rare. Goodnight. My Angel mixes the traditional whodunnit and the latest in Internet technology with immense confidence. Kate Pearson's 12-year old

daughter Melanie was kidnapped and killed six months ago; the perpetrator has not been found. Suddenly a message appear on Kate's computer screen: "Why did you let him hurt me. Mummy?". Other e-mails flow in, pur-

porting to come from the dead girl: more tangible reminders of her follow. The sender -Melanie's murderer? - is techno-clever enough to hide his tracks; but soon the computer torture is joined by physical threat. Murphy creates terrific menace and tension, well climaxed.

■ A LITTLE YELLOW DOG By Walter Mosley Serpent's Tail, E8.99 ISBN 185242 370 6 MOSLEY'S captivating march through recent American social history as seen through the eyes of the black Los Angeles private eye Easy



Mosley: superior plotting

Kennedy is President, the civil rights movement is bubbling. and Rawlins, tired of plying his dangerous trade at the margins of legality, has taken on a respectable job as head janitor of a local high school. But the murdered body of an expensively dressed gangster is found on the premises, and Rawlins is drawn back into his old routine of having to find the killer before the violent and racist police decide to pin the crime on him.

His predicament is not helped by his lustful involve-ment with the victim's widow. owner of the crucial yellow Director, Douglas McGrath.

ley's combination of superior plotting, precise dialogue and the ability to convey the atmo-sphere of the times are as effective as in the previous four Easy Rawlins novels though first-timers to Mosley are advised to read the series in order rather than start with

THE OXFORD BOOK OF AMERICAN DETECTIVE STORIES Ed. Tony Hillerman and Rosemary Herbert Oxford University Press,

£17.50 ISBN 0 19 508581 7 AN ADMIRABLE, intelligently compiled anthology of nearly 700 pages, containing some three dozen stories aimed at showing the development of the American branch of crime story-telling from 1841 (Edgar Allen Poe, of course) to the feminist present of Marcia Muller and Linda Barnes. Each story is prefaced by an informative page of comment

and scene-setting. The compilation, as its editors confess, has one huge gap: Dashiell Hammett, perhaps the most influential American crime writer of all, not represented for copyright reasons. His absence mars the book but does not prevent it from being one of the few anthologies in this field which shows signs of being carefully thought out, not just hastily thrown together.

On the sugar beat READING Maeve Binchy has EVENING CLASS always acted as therapy of a

sort. Her witty, literate smalltown tales exude a rosy glow to ease the troubled mind. This latest novel, which has shot straight to the top of the bestseller list, steps up the treatment to something approaching full-scale social work. The setting has moved from the timeless Irish backwater to modern Dublin, complete with glitterati restaurants, financial scandals and dirty video dealers, but the compensatory sugar factor is dangerously near the boil. The evening class of the title

is a consolation prize for Aidan Dunne, a schoolmaster in middle age who has been passed over for the headship he had long expected. Relieved of his expected future, he is permitted by the new head to fulfil a long-held fantasy, to set up an evening class in Italian language and culture. Everyone expects it to fail, but a good fairy comes to the rescue.

Nora O'Donoghue has lived in Sicily for 23 years, mistress to a hotelier she had lived with in London but who left her to return home for an arranged marriage. Now he has died. she is no longer welcome and she returns to a city changed beyond recognition. Her family still regard her as a fallen woman. She is penniless, her only asset fluent Italian and a magical enthusiasm for imBy Maeve Binchy Orion, E16.99 ISBN 0752804510

In Nora's hands the evening class succeeds beyond all expectations. Basking in her glow, Aidan forgets his woes and starts to shine. What started as a group of assorted misfits becomes a community. its complex interlocking array of problems magicked away by communal concern and Nora's healing wisdom.

The healing power of the community is Binchy's familiar theme. Nosiness, kindness and gossip redeem the wayward and lonely in a warm bath of mythical Irishness that makes it is quite impossible to imagine the plot transferred

to, say, Edinburgh. The formula rarely fails to wring a tear from the most hardened reader, but with so much twinkly, sparkly magic dust floating around this time, Evening Class might just make you sneeze.

Rose Wild

NIGHT AT THE OPERA? VISITING A GALLERY? GOING OUT

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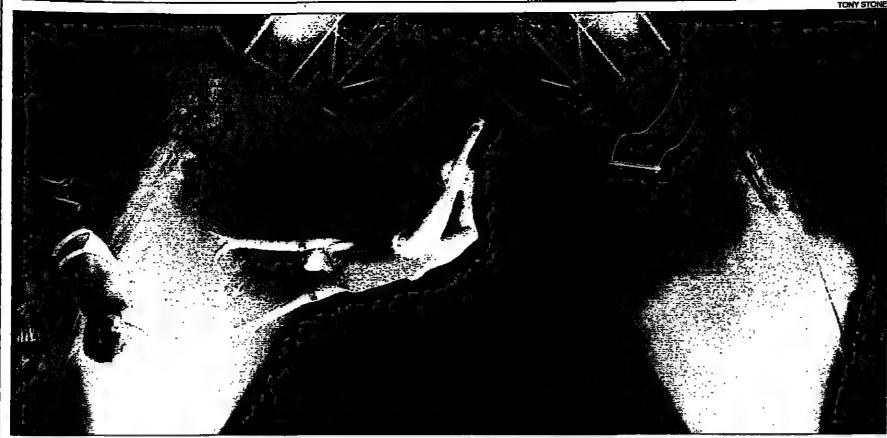
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GOING OUT



London: children of all ages will enjoy the spectacle of trapeze acts and other gravity-defying performances at Zippo's Circus, Roundwood Park, Willesden

CHILDREN

LONDON The Arrival Tale of an alien visiting superhero land, for ages three plus. Jackson's Lane Community Centre.

Archway Road, N6 (0181-341 4121). Today, 11am and 2pm; £3.

Three-year-olds and above are invited to develop creative skills. Bethnal Green Museum of

Cambridge Heath Road, E2 (0181-983 5200). Today, llam-12.45pm and 2pm-3.45pm; free.

Shipmates An investigation into the life and talents of scafarers. National Maritime Museum Romney Road, SE10 (0181-858 4422). Today, phone for details; £5.50, concs £4.50, child £3, family Eló.

Zippo's Circus Gravity-delying performances in this circus extravaganza, plus innovative horse displays.

Roundwood Park, Roundwood Road, NWIO (0374 811 811/608 090). Tonight, tomorrow, times vary; £4.50-£8, child £3.50-£7.50.

E REGIONAL BANGOR Young Aspects Literary fun for children. including poetry classes, Irish authors reading extracts from books, plus a lunchtime magic show. North Down Heritage Centre, Town Hall (01247 271200),

from Ham; £2.

LEEDS Children's Dance Workshop Eight to 18-year-olds can join a regular dance class. Northern School of Contemporary Dance, Chapeltown Road (0113-262 5359). Today, 9,30am-2,30pm; admission 50p.

MANCHESTER K'nex Exhibition A selection of games for children to try.

Museum of Science and Industry, Liverpool Road (0161-832

10am-5pm; £4, concs £2. NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE Children's Gallery Fun activities for under-fives Laing Art Gallery, Higham Place (0191-232 7734). Today, 10am-5pm, tomorrow, 2-5pm; free. RICKMANSWORTH

2244). Today, tomorrow,

Sooty's Circus Sooty and his pals in action. Watersmeet, High Street (01923 896484/771542). Today, 10.30am, 1.30pm and 4.30pm; E5-E5.50.

FAIRS

■ LONDON Fungus 100 Last day to experience the fungi extravaganza with a series of slide shows and an exhaustive number of fungi cultures on display. Royal Horticultural Society Halls. Greycoat Street, SWI (0171-

834 4333). Today, 10am-5pm; admission free. Heritage Antiques Fair

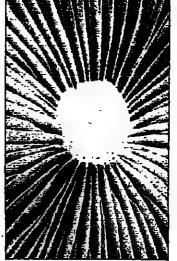
Range of silver, glass, jewellery, enamels, prints, paintings, ceramics, plus decorative items for the London Marriot Hotel. Grosvenor Square, WI (0171-493 [232]. Tomorrow, Ham-5pm: phone for details.

Live '96 - The Consumer Electronics Exhibition Electronic heaven for domestic techies, complete with a PC village. Earls Court Exhibition Centre,

Warwick Road, SW5 (0171-373-8141). Today, ends tomorrow 10am-7pm; £9, child £5.

London Arms Fair Antique armour and arms. plus militaria and related literature. Earls Court International Hotel. Lillie Road, SW6 (0171-373 7079). Today, 10am-4pm; £6. child El.

London Collectables Fair Anything worth collecting. under one roof. Battersea Town Hall, Town Hall Road, SW11 (0181-741 9579). Tomorrow, llam-4.30pm; El, early pass E3.



London: close-up, Fungus 100

National Astronomy Week The 150th anniversary of Neptune's discovery. National Maritime

Мизеит, Romney Road, SEIO (018)-858 4422). Today, phone for details; £5.50, cones £4.50,

child £3, family £16. REGIONAL

BOURNEMOUTH International Ideal Home Exhibition Demonstrations, stalls and ideas to refurbish the home. Bournemouth International Centre. Exeter Road (01202 297297). Today, ends tomorrow, 10am-5pm; £3, concs £2.

GLASGOW Glasgow International Festival of Design Leading and emerging designers from fashion and high-tech industries. Various Venues. (0141-204 4411). Today, tomorrow, 10am-8pm; free.

CLASSICAL

Childhood.

LONDON Feinstein Ensemble Selection of J.S. Bach's Sonatas. Purceli Room South Bank Centre, SEL (0171-960 4242). Tomorrow, 7.30pm: E5-E9.

London Symphony Orchestra/ Hickox Dyson's choral treatment of The Canterbury Pilgrims. Barbican Hall. Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tomorrow, 7.30pm; £6-£30.

Philharmonia/Frühbeck Boris Berezovsky plays Beethoven's Piano Concerto No I. plus Strauss's Heldenleben. Festival Hall, South Bank Centre, SEI (0171-960 4242). Tonight,

7.30pm; £5-£30.

Royal Scottish National Orchestra/Lazarev Rachmaninov's Second Symphony and Prokofiev's Second Piano Concerto. Barbican Hall, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7_30pm: E7-E25.

Steven Isserlis Collection of cello works by Rachmaninov, Suk. Schubert and Martinu. Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, WI (0171-935 2141). Tomorrow, 7pm: E7.50-£15.

Sinfonia Verdi/Murphy Beethoven's Seventh Symphony and Bruch's First Violin Concerto. St John's. Smith Square, SWI (0171-222 1061). Tonight, 7.30pm;

Vogler Quartet Beethoven's string quartet cycle beginning with Op 18, No 2, Op 95 and Op 127. Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, WI (0171-935 2141). Tonight, 7.30pm; ED-EL-

Given its prominent role in commissioning and broadcasting new music, Radio 3 is right to make an epic world premiere the centrepiece of its own 50th anniversary celebraions tomorrow. The work i Renewal, a big orchestral and choral work by the British composer Colin Matthews, which will be premiered by the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis. The concert also includes Janaček's thrilling Glagolitic Mass. featuring soloists Eva Urbanova and Catherine Wyn-Rogers. Hear it live in the Festival Hall, or at home on Radio 3 where the concert will be one of no fewer than five live events broadcast tomorrow, starting at 11.15am and continuing to 11.30pm.

Festival Hall, 7.30pm.

Bruckner's Fifth Symphony. Beverley Minster. (01482 862565). Tonight, 7.30pm; £7. cones £4.

the work of emerging and leading choreographers. Jackson's Lane Community Centre. Archway Road, N6 (0181-341 4421). Tonight, 8pm; £6.

CRITICS CHOICE DANCE UMBRELLA London's annual festival of

cutting-edge dance kicks off with one of the most unusual offerings in its history — a large-scale work, choreographed by the American Stephan Koplowitz, which has been designed to fit inside the imposing architecture of the Natural History Museum. Nearly 50 performers will take over the main hall, home of the famous dinosaur skeleton, where they will perform a niece whose theme is human evolution. The festival, which continues at various venues around London until November 8, is showcasing the work of two dozen companies from around the world. DEBRA CRAINE

Nataral History Мижат, Cromwell Road, SW7 (0171-387 0031). Tonight, 7.30pm and 9pm; £10, солся ЕЯ.

REGIONAL ABERDEEN Scottish Ballet: Sweat, Baroque and Roll Triple bill featuring the premiere of Robert Cohan's Four Seasons. accompanied by Vivaldi's classic score. His Majesty's Rosemount Viaduct (01224 641122). Tonight, 7.30pm;

£5-£15.

BIRMINGHAM Birmingham Royal Ballet: Triple Bill Les Patineurs and Le Baiser de la fée, plus David Bintley's acclaimed one act jazz ballet, accompanied by Duke Ellington's version of the Nutcracker Suite. Hippodrome, Hurst Street (012)-622 7486). Today 2.30pm; tonight 7.30pm; £24.50-£35.

BRISTOL Bi Ma Dance Company: Blue Mandarin Timely dance work, choreographed by Pit Fong Loh, as four dancers witness the return of Hong Kong to mainland China. Arnolfini. Narrow Quay (0117-929) 9191). Tonight. 8pm; £7, concs £4.

EDINBURGH

The Joffrey Ballet of Chicago: Billboards Fashionable American company get funky with a score by Prince. Festival Theatre. Nicolson Street (0131-529 6000). Today 2.30pm and 8pm; tomorrow, 3pm and Spm; £4.50-£19.50, concs aldulisve.

Northern Ballet Theatre: Dracula Eerie performance. adapted from Bram Stoker's novel, with choreography by Christopher Gable and Michael Barrett-Pink. Kingston Square (01482

Rory McLeod Scottish folk and world

music maverick.

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Lee Road, SE3 (0181-463

American punk rockers

Charing Cross Road, WCZ

Unknown Public Holiday

headlined by Dave Stewart

Frances-Marie Uitti and Billy

(0171-960 4242). Tonight, Spm:

Jah Wobble's Invaders of

Dub reggae rhythms meet Islamic melodies under the

minded former punk Wobble.

Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-434 0403). Tomorrow,

guidance of mystically-

A day of "creative music".

and Barbara Gaskin,

Queen Elizabeth Hall,

South Bank Centre, SEI

E12.50, cones £10.50.

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Astoria

7pm; £9.

REGIONAL

phone for availability.

BIRMINGHAM

The legendary blues

guitarist of Fleetwood Mac

continues his comeback.

4525). Tonight, tomorrow,

Mary Chapin Carpenter.

Left-of-centre American

East Link Bridge (00 353)

836 3633). Tonight, 7pm;

is it real or is it retro? And

does it really matter given that

their blistering debut album,

K, has shot straight to the top

of the chart? Whatever your

view of Kula Shaker's music

- trailblazing progressive pop or a rehashed sounds of

the 1960s show — there is no

doubt that their current tour is

the hottest ticket on the circuit

in many a month. Also worth

checking are support band

Spacehog, originally from

Leeds, but currently big news

in America, where sales of their album, Resident Alien.

are approaching the half-

million mark.

Country double-bill.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

KULA SHAKER

Broad Street (0)21-643

8pm; £16, mems £5.

Peter Green

Ronnie Scott's.

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Lyle Lovett

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(0171-434 0403). Tonight, 6pm; admission E8.

play to under-18s.

0100). Tomorrow, 8pm; £8,

LA TRAVIATA emotionaliv as well as vocaliv will have livened up a bit. RODNEY MILNES

7.30pm; £8-£55.

ABERDEEN The Bluetones Melodic Britpop guitar band from Hounslow. Music Hall. Union Street (01224 641122), Tomorrow, 7.30pm;

7.15pm; E14.50-E24.50.



ELONDON Big Love Dance music festival Twin. Spooky, Man With Otmoor Park, Beckley (0181-963 0940). Today, Ipm-7am; £29.

> DAVID SINCLAIR Leadmill. Leadmill Road, Sheffield (0114-275 4500). Tonight, 8pm;

SHEFFIELD Rocket from the Crypt San Diego punk and rockabilly showmen. Leadmill, Leadmill Road (0)14-275 4500). Tomorrow, 7.30pm; £8.

COMEDY

LONDON Bearcat Comedy at the Turk's Head Dave Johns, Geoff Boyz, Paul Tonkinson and Boothby Graffoe dish out the gags. Bearcat Comedy Club, Turk's Head Winchester Road, St. Margarets (0181-891 1852). Tonight, 9.15pm; £6, concs £5, m ship £1.

Comedy Benefit in Aid of Trinity Hospice The headline names include Jo Brand, Arthur Smith, Harry Hill, Mark Thomas, and many more. Shepherd's Bush Green. W12 (0181-740 7474). Tonight. 7pm; £10.

Chnekle Club at the LSE Mark Thomas shares the mike with Mark Hurst. Landon School of Economics. Houghton Street, WC2 (0171-476 (672), Tonight, 7.45pm; £6, students £5.

Comics on a Saturday Night Jo Caulfield, Jonathan Paylor, Fred Wall, plus the regular open spots. Sally Holloway MCs. Comics on a Saturday Night at the Fulmar and Parker Street, WC2 (0171-405 0590). Tonight, 8.30pm;

Comedy Store: Best in Stand-Up Terry Alderton, Ed Byrne. Scan Meo, the Man with a Beard and John Moloney. Tim Clark MCs. Comedy Store. Oxendon Street, SWI (01426 914433). Tonight, 8pm and midnight: EIO.

admission free.

Comedy Store Players The television-friendly line-up includes Josie Lawrence, Lee Simpson, Neil Mullarkey, Paul Merton and Steve Edis. Comedy Store. Oxendon Street, SWI (01426 914433). Tomorrow, 80m; £10.

Jongleurs Camden This evening's line-up includes Ian Stone, Mandy Knight, Paul Tonkinson and Alistair McGowan. plus the Tracy Brothers MC. Jongleurs Comedy Camden Lock. Chalk Farm Road, NWI (0171-924 2766). Tonight. 7.15pm and 11.15pm; £10, concs E7.

Perrier Pick of the Fringe: Dylan Moran is Indisposed King of this year's Perrier Award flexes his comic muscles. Also with this year's best newcomer, Milton Jones. Her Majesty's Theatre.

Haymarket, SWI (0171-494 5400). Tomorrow, 7.30pm: £5-£12.

Rhona Cameron Gaytime TV's presenter cuts her teeth on a first solo Andon show Drill Hall Arts Centre, Chenies Street, WCI (0171-637 8270). Tonight, 7,30pm.

REGIONAL

BLACKPOOL Ken Dodi More slap and ticklestick. Grand Theatre, Church Street (01253 28372). Tomorrow, opm and 8.45pm; from £7.

CHESTER Alexander's Comedy Club Gina Ryan, Paul Vallis and Steve Jav. Alexander's Jazz Theatre, Rufus Court (01244 340005). Tonight, 9pm; £5.



Critic's Choice: Victoria Wood, at the Albert Hall

GLOSSOP Stand Up and Be Counted Adrian Cook, Jane Hodson and Jane Goodfellow in tomorrow's slot. Labour Club. Chapel Street (01457) 862023). Tornorrow, 8.30pm: E3. concs E2.

MAIDSTONE Bob Downe More singalongs with Bob sporting the famed nylons and lacquered hair-do. Corn Exchange, Earl Street (01622 686958). Tonight, 7.30pm.

MANCHESTER Jeff Green Slick humour from our man about town. The Dancehouse Oxford Road (0161-237 9753). Tomorrow, Spm; £5.

Jenny Edair The return of Britain's peroxide queen. The Dancehouse, Oxford Road (0161-237 9753). Tonight, Spm; £10.

NOTTINGHAM Hollywood Raw Leo Chesier, D.L. Hughley and Russell Peters. Royal Centre. South Sherwood Street (0115-948 2626). Tonight, 7.30pm; £12-£14.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

VICTORIA WOOD The cuddly star comedian rounds off her national tour at the Albert Hall. Wood is still making the crowds cry with laughter, even after seeing shrinks. Her appeal is that she is both cute and spunky. feminist and laddy. She is spinning fantasies about Ken Barlow's sperm bank, plastic surgeons and family Christmases. She also sings, with a grand piano as a sidekick.

Àlbert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tonight and

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CRITICS CHOICE **RADIO 3 CELEBRATED**

> Critic's Choice Catherine Wyn-Rogers, Festival Hall **BBC National Orchestra** of Wales/Wigglesworth Britten's Sinjonia da Requiem with Ravel's complete ballet score to Daphnis and Chloe. St David's Hall. The Hayes (01222 878444). Tonight, 7.30pm; £10.50.

GUILDFORD Guildford Philharmonic/ Nielsen's Flute Concerto with Stravinsky's Firebird Suite. Guildford Civic Hall,

(01483 444555). Tomorrow,

City of London Sinfonia

Baroque works including

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430528). Tonight, 7.30pm:

The programme includes

Vivaldi's Four Seasons.

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Northern Sinfonia/

Faure's Pavane and

Beethoven's Choral

Westmorland Hall.

Kendal Leisure Centre,

Tonight, 7.30pm; £5-£13.

Players/Shelley Beethoven's Third Piano

Symphony. The soloist is

Howard Shelley. Kingston Parish Church,

(01372 \$43292). Tonight,

Concerto and Schubert's Sixth

KINGSTON UPON

Burton Road (01539 729777).

HUDDERSFIELD

3pm; £10-£12

Town Hall.

£6,50-£16,50,

KENDAL

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Fantasia.

THAMES

Spm: £5-£13.

MANCHESTER

Bridgewater Hall.

7.30pm; £8-£27.50.

907 9000). Tomorrow,

Mahler's monumental

Eighth Symphony. The

Symphony of a Thousand.

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London Mozart

RICHARD MORRISON South Bank, London SEI (0171-960 4242). Tomorrow,

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DANCE

LONDON Adventures in Motion Pictures: Swan Lake Tchaikovsky's hallet. featuring Matthew Bourne's all-male swans. Piccadilly Theatre, Denman Street, WI (017)-369 1734). Today 2.30pm. tonight 7.30pm; 59.50-£30. standby cones available.

New Theatre. Choreography Platform: 226655). Today 2,30om and

OPERA

■ LONDON La Bohème The season begins with John Copley's staging of Puccini's classic. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (0171-304 4000). Tonight,

7.30pm; £5-£130.

CRITIC'S CHOICE Jonathan Miller's straightforward staging is illuminated by Rosa Mannion's glowing Violetta, a tiny, vulnerable figure with enough weight of voice to sustain one of the most demanding of Italian soprano roles. John Hudson sings Alfredo with Italianate timbre and elegance, and Christopher Robertson is his stuffy father. With tack by this, the sixth performance of the run, the conductor Steven Mercurio

London Coliseam, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (0171-632 8300). Today,

■ REGIONAL

CARDIFF La Bohème Welsh National Opera stages Puccini's classic. New Theatre. Park Place (01222 878889). Tonight, 7.15pm; £8-£45.

READING The Magic Flute Opera Factory stages Mozart's popular comedy. Hexagon, Town Hall, Blagrave Street (01734 591591). Tonight,

as Mimi in La bohème

POP

featuring Underworld, Aphex No Name, Black Star Liner.

Bjorn Again Australian Abba imitators. Wimbledon Theatre. The Broadway, SWI9 (0181-540 0362). Tomarrow, 8pm; £12.50-£13.50.

Nils Loigren Rock guitarist from Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band. Shepherd's Bush Empire. Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (0181-740 7474). Tonight,

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GOING OUT

GALLERIES 7

LONDON Blumenfeld: A Fetish for Beauty Remospective of the style

photographer's fushion. portrainure and aude work. Barbican Art Gallery. Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638) 4141). Today. 10am-6.45pm. tomorrow, midday-6,45pm; £4.50, comes £2.50 (price includes entry to Jam - see below)

Tacita Dean: Foley Artist Former Slade School British artist explores the use of sound in film for the Art Nov space. Tate Gallery, Millbank, SWI (0171-887 8000). Today, 10am-5.50pm, tomorrow, 2-5.50pm; free.

ROBERT MAPPLETHORPE

CRITIC'S CHOICE

The scandalous reputation of Mapplethorpe's photographs inevitably comes up in the publicity for this important retrospective. What the show itself reveals is that Mapplethorpe was a rather old-lashioned, essentially studiobased photographer, brilliant at manipulating controlled conditions, whether it was for portraits. flower pictures, or the admiring nude studies, mainly of black men. When he steps out of the studio, he is much less effective. But the notorious \$ & M pictures and more expansive nudes are a small minority, and seem likely to be forgotten once the dust has settled. Also on show. Antony Gormley's stunning installation. Field for the British Isles, a mom filled with thousands of ting terracotta figures.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR Hayward Gallery. South Bank, London SEi (0171-261 0127). Today and tomorrow. 10am-6pm: £5.



Literati: Mark Gerson Photographs of celebrines from the world of literature. National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, WC2 (017)-300 0055). Today, 10am-6pm; tomorrow middley-opm; free.

Jam Contemporary media, music and culture explored Barbican Art Guilery Silk Street, EC2 (0)71-638 4141: Today, 100m-6.45pm. tomorrow, midday-6.45pm; £4.50, cones £2.50 fincludes entry to Blumenfeldt

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Warren Vache Quartet

Lonsdale Road, SW13

CRITIC'S CHOICE

DENNIS ROWLAND

A combination of Joe Wil-

liams and Lou Rawls, the

American singer Dennis Rowland has electrified audi-

ences during his debut resi-

dency this week. Whether

singing the blues or mimick-

ng Satchmo, the former

Basie vocalist unites razzle-

dazzie showmanship with im

Knightsbridge. London SWI (0171-235 5273). Tonight.

CLIVE DAVIS

peccable musicianship.

Pizza on the Park,

9.15pm and 11.15pm.

Ted Emmett, Patrick

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BRISTOL

(01S)-876 5241). Tonight.

New Jersey.

Buil's Head.

8pm: £6.

Clifford Brown-styled neo-

swing cornet virtuoso from

BIRMINGHAM Eve Arnold: In Retrospect Magnum photojournalist's work spanning four decades ikon Gallery, John Bright Street (0121-643 0708). Today, llam-opm: free.

CHICHESTER New Sculpture at Goodwood Lynn Chadwick, Anthony Caro and Richard Deacon. Sculpture at Goodwood. Hat Hill Copse (01243 538449). Today, 10.30am-4.30pm; £10.

DURHAM Bill Viola

Site-specific work from the master of the video spectacle. Durham Cathedral Palace Green (0191-384 3720/386 4266). Today, tomorrow, phone for times; free.

EDINBURGH Velazquez in Seville Paintings from Velazquez's formative years. National Gallery of Scotland. The Mound (013)-556 8921). Today, 10am-5pm, tomorrow, 2-5pm; £4, cones £2.50.

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LIVERPOOL

starring Xavier Beauvois. ICA Cinema (0171-930

adaptation of the novel, with

Barbican (5) (0171-638 8891) Notting Hill Coronet (5) (0171-727 6705) Richmond (0181-332 0030) Richy (0171-737 2121)

Charlotte Gainsbourg and

William Hurt. Director, Franco Zeffirelli.

Screen/Hill (0171-435

End (0171-437 4343)

3366) Virgins: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) Haymarket

(0171-839 1527) Warner West

New releases: Charlotte

Gainsbourg in Jane Evre

Last Man Standing (18)

Bruce Willis plays two

(0990 888990) Virgins:

Chelsea (0171-352 5096)

Trocadero (0171-434 0031)

Warner West End (0171-

◆ Jane Eyre (PG)
Decent but bloodless

GLASGOW

Rachel Whiteread Sculptures from the past Turner Prize winner. Tate Gallery Liverpool Albert Dock (0151-709 3223). Today, tomorrow, 10am-6pm; £2.50, concs £1.

Charles Rennie Mackintosh

designer's work in retrospect.

Sauchiehall Street (0141-331

tomorrow, Ham-Spm: E4.

1854). Today, 10am-8pm

Key artist, architect and

McLellan Galleries.

COMING SOON

LONDON From Oct 2 When We Are Married The Chichester Festival Theatre production of J.B. Priestley's evergreen comedy, starring Dawn French and Alison Steadman, transfers to the West End's Savoy Theatre for an eight-week season. Box office: 0171-836 SSSS.

Oct 6 and 13 The Blue Nile in concert at the London Palladium on October 6 and the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, on October 13. Box office: 0171-494 5000.

From Oct 8 Night Must Fall Jason Donovan stars in Emlyn Williams's classic play at the Theatre Royal. Haymarket for a limited season. Box office: 0171-930 8800.

Oct 24-Nov 2 Covent Garden Proms The 25th annual proms season provides the chance to see the entire current Ring cycle for only £60 from a prime location in the orchestra stalls (except that seating is on the floor). Season tickets available by post only; about 200 individual performance tickets will be sold for cash only, one hour before curtain-up on the night. Box office: 0171-304 4000.

REGIONAL.

BRISTOL Oct 17-Nov 9 **Old Wicked Songs** Bob Hoskins returns to the stage for the first time in more than a decade to star in a



Nationwide: Sting goes on tour in November and December

Pulitzer Prize-nominated American play by Jon Marans at Bristol Old Vic. Box office: 0117-987 7877.

TOURING November/December

The perennial pop star goes on tour to Cardiff International Arena (Nov 26, 01222 230130), Birmingham NEC (Nov 29, 0121-780 4133). Bournemouth International Centre (Dec 2, 01202 297297), Brighton Centre (Dec 3, 01273 202881), Albert Hall (Dec 5-7. 0171-589 8212).

■ LONDON Ruby Braff Quartet Revivalist swing corner virtuoso from Boston. Pizza Express. Dean Street, W1 (0171-430) 8722). Tonight, tomorrow. 8pm; £20, temorrow, £15.

Patrick Clahar Quartet Sparky multi-reedist. formerly of Incognito and the Brand New Heavies, with his growe-based quarter. Pizza on the Park. Knightsbridge, SWI (017)-235 5273). Tomorrow, Opm: £12, adv £10.

Georgie Fame British R & B organist with a strong soul-jazz sensibility. Rannie Ścows. Frith Street, WI (0171-439) 0747). Tonight, 9pm; £(2.

Louis Hoover and His 20-Piece Orchestra Sinatra-style crooner. Ronnie Scott's. Frith Street, WI (0171-439) 0747). Tomorrow, Spm: £10.

Jam Session Acid Jazz conference featuring diva Carleen Anderson, funk synth wizard Jessica Lauren, Brand-New Heavies guitarist Simon Bartholomey percussionist Snowboy and Galliano rhythm section of Crispin Taylor and Ernie AlcKone. Jazz Café. Parkway, NW1 (0171-344) 0044). Tomorrow, 7pm: 68.

Annie Ross British-born American dival a star of Robert

Altman's film. Short Cuts. Call Royal, Regent Street, W1 (0171-137 9090) Tonigla, Spm: 225.

Rogers/ Paul Rutherford Triple bill with pianist Tippen, bassis: Rogers and frombone maestro Rutherford.

Stolle Newington Church Street, N16 (017)-254 (65)6). Tomorrow, Spm; £4.

The main auractions this opening weekend include Georgie Fame and gosnel singer Doris Troy. WI (information: (89) 774 775). Tonight (to Oct 6).

Jean Toussaint Band Hip American tenorist. here with trumpeter Byron Wallen and guitarists Tony Remy and Circ Brow. Jazz Gafé. Parkway, NWI 36471-344



Keith Tippen/Paul

0044). Tonight 7pm: SRC



the Sono Jazz Festivai

THE carved wooden size.

tion of the cross above 10;

head, depicting Jesus

"laden with his cross".

was a reminder in Hamp-

stead, north London, that

day that Christianity can

be as much about suffer-

ing as rejoicing. This has been particu-

larly so for the Roman Catholic Church

this week, coming to terms with the

incredible behaviour of its estant bishop.

"Roddy" Wright, But at St Mary's, no

such difficulties were to be permitted to

sully a day of celebration. "It's a said day

for the church," I suggested to the parish

priest, on the day that the former Bishop

of Argyll and the lifes's story appeared

in the News of the World. "No, it's a

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This church, founded for retugees who

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crowded to bursting point - sucrement

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the altar real during communion resem-

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ing 200 years."

Soho Jazz Festiva!

Clahar. Pete Jacobsen Former Loose Tubes trumpeter leads saxophonists Simon Picard, Steve Buckley and Patrick Clahar. tuba eccentric Oren Marshall and blind pianist Pete Jacobsen. Alben Inn. West Street (0)17-966 1968). Tomorrow. 8pm: £6, cones £5. Helen Watson

Blues, jazz and folk. Met Arts Centre, Market Street (0161-761 2216). Tonight, Spm: £6, concs £5. CHELMSFORD Tenor Madness

Breathy mainstream conference with tenorists London: Doris Troy opens Spike Robinson, Bobby

On a troubled day for Catholics, Ruth Gledhill attended a joyful celebration

Holding on to spiritual values

neighbour, the charming Elizabeth Fallon, a parishioner for 40 years, noted

with price the arrival of local community

leaders, a councillor here, a headmaster

there. But on this day the star was our

celebrant, the Archbishop of Westmin-

sion Cardinal Basil Hume, whose

shining white hair beneath the sparkling

apse of the sanctiary resembled a halo

We confessed our sins, and Cardinal

Frame pleaded with God to have mercy

on us. After the gospel reading, incorpo-

rating the Magnificat sung by the choir.

the Cardinal preached. Not once did he

😭 A five-star guide 🖈

PRIEST: The Rev Michael Brocke

ARCHITECTURE: Pretty church built in

1816 Write walls and goldleaf, marble and

mosard designs in the sanctuary and

chapels ***

HOMILY: A calming meditation on the

enpenance of speritual values and the

character miness to the world ***

,∉USIO: Harrin Stacey on the organi

accompanied the chair, who sang with

splendour ****

Emiliady: Modern Catholic communion

rite ***

SPIRITUAL HIGH: Sense of wrongs being

righted 🖈 🖈 🕏

IFTER-SERVICE CARE: Chance to

these bands with the Cardinal at reception

in pairsh rooms ★★★★

ATYOUR SERVICE

circling his red cardinal's hat.

Wellins and John Barnes. Cramphorn Theatre. Fairfield Road (01245 460720). Tomorrow, 7.45pm; £7, mems £5.

DERBY **Tim Garland Quartet** Multi-reedist in folk. fusion and beloop, with drummer Winston Clifford, guitarist Phil Robson and bassist Laurence Cottle. Friargate (01332 381169) Tonight, 8pm; £6, concs £4.

Melanie O'Reilly Haunting Irish folk-jazz Dorie Hall. (01599 544265). Tonight, 8pm; £6, concs £4.

NEWCASTLE **Tim Garland Quartet** See Derby. Live Theatre. Broad Chare, Quayside (0191-232 1232). Tomorrow, 8pm: £6, adv £5.

Melanie O'Reilly See Isle of Skye. Lyth Arts Centre. (01955 641270). Tomorrow, 80m; £5.

FILMS Films in London and

(where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country ■ NEW RELEASES Don't Forget You're Going to Die

Written, directed by and

refer to the runaway bishop, but I could

not help meditating on the wider

where it is, is a witness," he said. "It

witnesses and speaks on spiritual values.

the primacy of God, the centrality of

Christ and his gospel." He added: "The

words Peter spoke come to mind. We are

a chosen race, we are a royal priesthood,

we are a high nation, we are God's own

people, set apart." However sinful we

had been, he said, "we have been

baptised, we hold our heads high". He

continued: "We, the baptised commun-

ity, must give witness to spiritual values.

They must be what is most important for

each of us individually, and therefore for

us as a community. Witness to spiritual

values. Think how necessary it is in our

society which can be so materialistic, can

We tried to remember God, prayed for the Pope and for family life. We sat back

and enjoyed the offerings of the choir

and organ through communion, includ-

ing Maurice Durufle's Libi Caritas. We

joined in with David Evans's inspiring

communion hypnn, Be still, for the

presence of the Lord. And it worked

because, as we rumbled our into the leafy

sunshine of Holly Place, the spectre of

the runaway Roddy Wright seemed

nothing more than a fading blot on a

St Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Holly Place. Church Row. Hampstead

beautiful, enduring landscape.

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be so forgetful of God."

A church, just by being what it is and

application of his words as he spoke.

bootleg gangs against each other. Movie pastiche from director Walter Hill. Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) MGM Baker Street (0171-935 9772) Odeons: Kensington (01426) Self-pitying French portrait of an art graduate 914666) Swiss Cottage (01426 914098) Plaza 🖺 (0990 who tests HIV-positive. 888990) UCI Whiteleys 🔂

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◆ Multiplicity (12) Michael Keaton clones himself to solve his hectic life. bright idea. With Andie MacDowell. Director, Harold Ramis. Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) Leicester

Melvil Poupaud's vacation

Sauare (01426-915 683) Swiss Cottage (01426 914098) UCI Whiteleys (\$) (0990 888990) Virgin Chelsea (017)-352 5096) CRITIC'S CHOICE A SUMMER'S TALE (U):

ing student arrives in Dinard to await his girlfriend, only to be lured by other female charms. Eric Rohmer's blissful film offers nothing new: once again the veteran French director focuses on dithering youth, talking away. But the talk flows so freely and the cast are so engaging (especially Amanda Langlet) that you

refreshing and humane. GEOFF BROWN Curzon West End (0171-369 1722) Renoir (0171-837 8402)

soon fall under its spell. This

is cinema at its most delicate.

CURRENT ◆ Emma (U)

Gwyneth Paltrow shines in a Jane Austen adaptation that leans too much towards the pretty-pretty. With Jeremy Northam. Director, Douglas McGrath.

Barbican (5) (0171-638 8891) Chelsea (0171-351 3742) Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) Minema (0171-235 4225) Odeons: Haymarket (01426 915353) Kensington (01426 914666) Swiss Cottage (01426 914098) Renoir (0171-837 8402) Rio (0171-254 6677) Ritzy (0171-737 2121) Screen/Baker Street (0171-935 2772) Screen/Green (0171-226 3520) UCI Whiteleys (5) (0990 888990) Warner (5) (0171-437 4343)

 Escape from LA (15) Blowsy action film from John Carpenter, set in a lawless Los Angeles of 2013. With Kurt Russell Empire (0800-888 911) UCI Whiteleys (0990 888990) Virgins: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) Trocadero 🕒 (0171-434 0031)

The Great White Hype

Flat-footed sports satire, with Samuel L. Jackson as a flamboyant boxing impresario. Director, Reginald Hudlin Odeon West End 101426-

The incredibly True Adventure of Two Girls in Gauche but sweet tale of teenage lesbians, written and directed by Maria Maggenti. With Laurel Holloman and Nicole Parker. ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148)

Clapham Picture House

(0171-198 3323) Metro (017)-◆ Phenomenon (PG)
John Travolta's IQ gets a booster shot, increasingly mawkish comic fantasy. With Kyra Sedgwick. Director, Jon Turtletaub. ABC Shaftesbury Avenue (0171-836 6279) Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) Swiss Cottage (01426 914098) UCI Whiteleys (10990 888990) Virgin Fulham Road

(0171-370 2636) ♦ Stealing Beauty (15) Light and enjoyable Bertolucci film about an American teenager's sexual flowering in Tuscany. With Liv Tyler, Jeremy Irons and Sinead Cusack Lumiere (0171-836 0691) Odeon Kensington (0)426 914666) Screen on Baker Street (017)-935 2772) Virgin Chelsea (0171-352 5096)

 Striptease (15) Demi Moore's stripper seeks custody of her daughter Clumsy mixture of sex. satire and melodrama, with Burt Reynolds. Director. Andrew Bergman. ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (01426-914 666) Swiss Cottage (0171-586 3057) West End (01426) 915574) UCI Whiteleys (0171-792 3332)

THEATRE

LONDON **Blood Wedding** Alexandra Gilbreath and Jasper Britton play the lovers in Lorca's tragedy. Tim Supple directs a new version by Ted Hughes. Young Vic. 66 The Cut, SEI (0171-928 6363). Tonight, 7.30pm.

Cash on Delivery Comedy performer Bradley Walsh in his first leading West End role. Described as a benefit fraud belly laugh, written by by his dad. Ray. Whitehall, Whitehall, SWI (0171-369 1735). Today, 5.30pm and

Faust Parts 1 and 2 Michael Bogdanov's mighty production of Goethe's drama, with Michael Feast in the title role and Hugh Quarshie as The Pit, Barbican. Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638) 8891). Today: Part 1, 2,30pm; Part 2, 7, 15pm.

King Lear Having just directed the Bankside Globe's first production, Jack Shenherd stays in the district to direct Oliver Cotton as Lear, Jan Shepherd as Cordelia. Southwark Playhouse. 62 Southwark Bridge Road, SEI (0171-620 3494). Tonight, 7pm.



London: Michael Feast and Hugh Quarshie in Faust

The Oedipus Plays Alan Howard in the title role of Oedipus the King and Oedipus at Colonus. Peter Hall directs a translation by Ranjit Bolt. National (Olivier). South Bank, SEI (0171-928) 2252). Tonight, 7pm. In rep.

Varieté Lindsay Kemp's tragiccomic musical is a combination of music, acrobatics and dance in a story of passion, jealousy and betrayal: set in a fairground freak show in 1930s Hamburg.

Hackney Empire, Mare Street (0181-985 2424). Tonight, 7pm and

CRITIC'S CHOICE ASHES TO ASHES

Some reviewers struggled with Harold Pinter's latest play, maybe solving their own bewilderment by accusing the dramatist, not for the first time, of obfuscation. There are tricky, even mannered moments but you cannot miss the aggro between the husband and wife, played by Stephen Rea and Lindsay Duncan, nor fail to be intrigued by the latter's mind which teems with half-horrified, half-fascinated fantasies of sexual sadism and political cruelty. This is a dense, powerful piece which no admirer of our nation's premiere dra-matist will wish to miss.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE Royal Court Theatre Upstairs (Ambassador's). West Street. WC2 (0171-565 5000). Tonight, 8pm; mai 4pm.

REGIONAL

EXETER The Belle Vue British premiere of Odon von Horvath's 1926 play. Kenneth McLeish's version of Zur schönen Aussicht. Greed and exploitation in a run-down hoiel, with Ann Firbank as an elderly nymphomaniac. Nick Philippou directs for Actors Touring Company. Stocker Road, Pennsylvania (01392 493493). Tonight, 8pm.

GLASGOW Hamle Philip Prowse's production, with Cal MacAninch as the Prince, Sophie Ward as Ophelia, Ann Mitchell as Gertude and Robert Gwilym as Claudius. Citizens. Gorbals (0141-429 5561). Tonight, 7.30pm.

LEEDS Office Suite Two more of Alan Bennett's television plays take to the stage in Green Forms and A Visit from Miss Prothero, Jennie Darnell directs Susan Wooldridge. Paola Dionisotti and Timothy Bateman. Courtyard. West Yorkshire Playhouse. The Quarry, Hill Mount (0113-244 2111). Tonight. 7.45pm; mat, 3pm.

POOLE The Trouble with Old Lovers

Simon Ward leads a distinguished cast in Angela Huth's perceptive comedy of manners. Directed by Robert Chetwyn. Towngate. Poole Arts Centre, Kingland Road (01202) 685222). Tonight, 7.45pm; mat, 2.30pm.

> CHRISTMAS SAFARI IN **CAPE TOWN** WITH THE CHILDREN

DON'T MISS ...

■ Radio 3 celebrated, including the premiere of Colin Matthews's epic Renewal. See Classical Rachel Whiteread in Liverpool: striking collection from the Turner Prize winner. See Galleries ■ The whole Ring cycle at Covent Garden for only £60 — if you sit on the floor. See Coming Soon

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A vet writes ...

That goose is not so silly

mas Day, once the most important day of the farming year. A Michaelmas goose topped the harvest festival menu. Geese, fattened on grain shed on the stubbles, walked to goose fairs. Slowly. Eight miles a day. Regular feeding stops allowed the birds to top-up with oats or barley and stay fat. The sick and footsore completed the journey in the comfort of a one horsepower goose ambulance.

Geese are excellent watchdogs. They honked and hissed to wake the guards and save Rome from the Gauls. They are employed by whisky bonds and distilleries in Scotland as non-electric burglar alarms and environmentally friendly lawn mowers. Five geese eat as much as a sheep.

They need space. Geese produce generous quantities of smelly, semi-liquid droppings and have big, webbed feet This combination converts a small garden into a stinking swamp in a few weeks. A halfacre orchard or paddock can support a trio of geese (one he and two shes).

They have simple needs. Sleeping quarters should be wind, water and fox-proof. In spring and summer they will get by on grass alone, but a daily snack of corn is appreciated. When the grass stops growing, poultry pellets,

greens keep them fit. Geese like water: ideally a pond or river, but a zinc bath

tub, sunk into the ground, is an acceptable substitute. Given the choice, geese mate in water - something to do with buoyancy. However, birds confined to dry land produce fertile eggs. Love finds a way. Geese mate for life - till

death them do part — though one gander may have a multigoose harem. He will defend his family against all comers. Foxes are the main cause of mortality. Otherwise geese have few health problems. Fox-free geese will live for 20 years.
Think twice before becom-

ing a goose-keeper, however. If you are converted, start in the spring. Buy a gander and two geese. It's not easy to sort out the hims from the hers both sexes look the same. "Geese books" will tell you to examine the bird's vent (at the rear end) but first you have to catch your bird, holding it still, with a book in the other hand, and not knowing what's what. I don't. But I do know that if three geese are in a pen, the one which stretches its neck out furthest, hisses loudest, and protects the other two is the gander. Chivalry is not restricted to human males.

JAMES ALLCOCK



A Pyrenean Mountain bitch with her litter. Many pedigree breeds are prone to inherited disorders, but DNA testing can help to eliminate the problems in future generations

Bringing up a healthier breed

DNA tests not only help breeders to identify the parentage of pedigree

aternity tests for dogs may sound like shutting the door after the hound has bolted but DNA tests can offer owners and breeders more than a means of identifying puppies. Advances in genetic research are giving us the potential to detect, treat and possibly eliminate certain human diseases, and these techniques are im-

portant for animal science. The Animal Health Trust at Newmarket, Suffolk, has completed its first year of paternity testing on dogs and is researching several genetically linked disorders. Inherited diseases, transmitted from one generation to the next are a major problem in many breeds of pedigree dogs." says

Matthew Binns, the head of

animals but can detect and help to eliminate diseases that affect them the trust's genetics section. They include eye problems, chance of them producing an

blood disorders, and orthopaedic problems such as hip dysplasia. Even some cancers may have a genetic element." Many diseases have a reces-

sive pattern of inheritance. This means that two copies of the defective gene (one inherited from the mother and one from the father) must be present for the individual to have the disease. Many healthy dogs are carriers of diseases (having one good gene and one defective gene). two such "healthy" dogs mate there is a one in four

affected pup. Relatively little is known about genetic illnesses in dogs.

and scientists are looking at human problems as a guide. More than 350 inherited disorders have been identified in the dog and every year several more are discovered. Developing genetic screening tests for identifying carriers and pups with potential late onser disease could enable the eradication of several canine diseases over the next decade by selective breeding.

Many of the diseases are breed-specific. "We have com-pleted tests that can screen for carriers of diseases such as progressive retinal atrophy, an eye disease in the Irish setter, and copper toxicosis, a liver disease in the Bedlington terrier," Dr Binns says.

For diseases that have a late onset [such as many eye diseases] it is particularly ad-vantageous to have a test that can identify the problem at an early stage. The charity Guide Dogs for the Blind has been interested in our work and is assisting with funding, because retrievers and labradors have a predisposition towards several inherited diseases that emerge in later life. This is important not only because of the amount of time and money invested in training a guide dog but because the guide dog and owner usually develop a very close relationship and it is tragic when the guide dog becomes prematurely ill at six or seven years of age."

the Animal Health Trust receives several calls a day about parentage of pedigree dogs. Most are from breeders worried that their bitch on heat has been in contact with more than one male dog. The trust has also resolved disputes in which owners have had doubts about the parentage of their pedigree dog and assisted the trading standards offices when they have expressed concern over the

claims of some dog breeders. To check the parentage, DNA samples are taken from the dogs; from one of several sources, such as blood, hair roots or nail dippings. The DNA pattern produced from the parents is compared with the offspring and can usually provide conclusive results.

DNA samples have also been used in court to establish testified in court.

PET NEWS

prove that rare birds, such as the peregrine falcon, have been stolen from the wild rather than being homereared as claimed. VetGen Europe, a laborato-

ry which has pioneered the application of DNA technology in birds, sexes birds which to us look identical. "Before genetic testing, the determining of the sex of many species bird required them to undergo surgery," says Peter Scott, the company's veterinary director. DNA testing allows the simple collection of a blood sample to be examined

without risk to the bird. *Our clients include the ravens at the Tower of London, and hopefully this will ensure there are enough pairs of birds to breed and avoid the prophecy that the tower will collapse if the ravens disappear.

VetGen Europe holds DNA samples of about 18,000 individual birds and has become involved in several cases to prove ownership. Most have been resolved outside court on the basis of the DNA analysis provided, but VetGen has also

The company deals with

disputes involving other ani-mals, too. "We had one case in which a pedigree German shepherd bitch was sent to be mated. When the puppies were born they were small and misformed. The owner of the bitch was convinced her dog had been mated with a basset hound. We did DNA testing on the supposed German shepherd father. This proved that he was, in fact, the real dad and that both parents were carriers of achondroplasia, a disease which produces the human equivalent of

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dwarfs in dogs." One of the more challenging paternity cases that Dr Binns pursued concerned a hunting beagle from good stock which produced five puppies. "We were asked to confirm the "unknown" father from 17 potential stud dogs," Dr Binns says. "After extensive testing it transpired that none of the 17

dogs could be the father. The owners then admitted rather sheepishly that there were another two possible fathers, and that there had been a third candidate who had recently died."

JOYCE BLAKE

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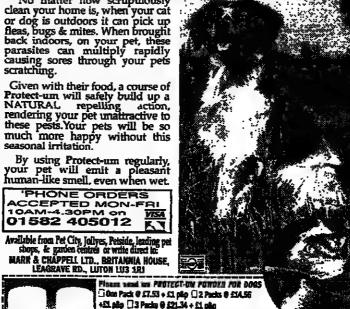


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Why puddle tastes best

DOES YOUR pet refuse fresh tap water and drink from puddles, watering cans or even lavatories? This is probably because they do not like the taste of chlorinated water and prefer water that has been left to stand. Dishwater, according to the October issue of All About Cats, has the added attraction of dissolved fats and oils from unwashed plates.

Cat's play

MY SEARCH for a toy which will turn mature cats into playful kittens led Jean Dundas, of Kirriemuir, Angus, to write: "My long-haired, colourpoint Persian, Leo (honey-coloured, orange eyes), likes playing with a cardboard box from the grocer. We

cut windows in the box and prod.

through paper 'cigarettes' or string. Once he or we tire of the game, he'll go to sleep in the box."

Bunny tug I ASKED readers to be on the

lookout for people taking pet rabbits for walks on a lead. Annabel Jones, aged 13, of Kendal, Cumbria, writes: "My black, lop-eared Golly loves his walks and charges along, pulling on the pink, velvet harness, and shows no fear of cats or dogs. In the sitting room, he dashes about chasing our cats, finally leaping on to someone's knee when he is tired."

Giving a hoot

BARN OWLS in the wild are on their way to extinction, with cars

speeding in country lanes often to blame. But keeping barn owls in captivity is expanding "at a terrific rate", reports Graham Wellstead in Cage & Aviary Birds. The owls are simple to hand-rear, grow strong and will remain tame all their lives. He warms against releasing the young of captive barn owls into the wild. because few of them survive.

Super bowl

NEW PRODUCTS: A boon to those who travel with pets is a non-spill bowl which ensures that water cannot spill even when driving over rough terrain. It costs £1.20 at pet stores, or contact Bef products on 01543 415999. Another good idea is The Untangler: a magnifying glass fitted with forceps which cases the removal of ticks and other parasites from animals - and splinters from humans. This costs £5.78 from pet shops.

JACK CROSSLEY

Last of the flying butchers

A GRISLY sight that was once common in Britain was the butcher bird's larder. A decaying collection of moths, dragonflies and small birds were impaled on the thorns of a gorse bush, or even on a barbed wire fence. Nearby sat the butcher - a red-backed shrike, with its chestnut mantle, grey and black head and hooked beak. This was its store of food.

Now the red-backed shrike is officially extinct as a breeding bird in this country. Its numbers have been dwindling since the end of the 19th century. A few lingered on in East Anglia around Breckland on the Norfolk/Suffolk border in the 1970s and 1980s, but in 1989, for the first time, not a single breeding pair was recorded in England.

Since then, there have been occasional reports of them nesting, some of them in Scotland, but it is thought that these were birds heading in the spring for France or Scan-dinavia that had lost their Feather report



Red-backed shrike; now just a passing visitor to Britain

way. However, a few pass through annually on migration, and this is probably the best week in the year to see one. Birdline (see below) has given news of a number of sightings in the past few days. They are still abundant across much of Europe and Asia and the general view is that the range of the species as a whole has shifted eastwards for some unknown reason. We were always on the edge of its range and now, if that is right. we seem to have fallen off the

edge of it. It has also been suggested that the large flying insects that shrikes like feeding on are more scarce. Shrikes are well adapted to catching those. They just sit waiting on a hedgerow twig, fanning and vibrating their tail, then dart out at the passing insects and grab them with their lethal beak. When they seize small birds, such as goldfinches, they impale them on the thorns by the neck.

If you are not lucky enough to cross the path of a red-backed shrike this autumn, you have the chance of seeing another shrike during the winter. A few great grey shrikes always take up their territories here around the turn of the year - and sometimes keep a winter larder on

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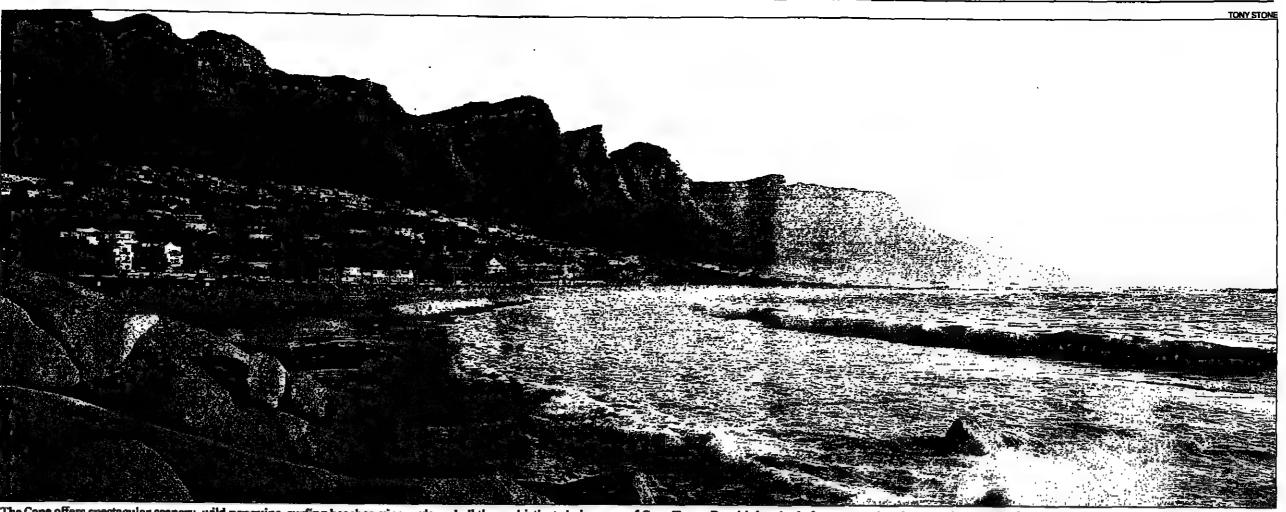
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South Africa: Encounters with big cats, bigots, red rivers and rabbit cures en route from Jo'burg to the Cape



The Cape offers spectacular scenery, wild penguins, surfing beaches, vineyards and all the sophisticated pleasures of Cape Town. But think twice before attempting the gruelling ascent of Table Mountain

Face to face with the lion king

e left London on December 9, the day before ticket for Christmas. We were four adults and five children, embarking on an odyssey that would take us from the malarial outback of the northern Transvaal to the temperate sophistication of the Cape. We booked through a tour operator based in Fulham, who promised us a varied holiday which would cater to a five vear-old, teenagers and thirtysomethings without costing us a second mortgage.

Our night flight disgorged us in Jo burg untroubled by jet lag. We drove through emerald flatlands into bauxite hills where mineheads loomed out of the mist like vast cubist Christmas trees.

A four-hour drive took us to the edge of Kruger National Park, an expanse of bushveld larger than Israel. As we arrived at Matumbi game reserve, the loudness and strangeness of bush noise assaulted our ears. The children swam in a heated pool. Kingfishers, woodpeckers and frogs vied for our attention with an orange millipede and a tame impala foal. We slept in basic but comfortable cottages

and are delicious steaks. On our first expedition in an open-topped Land Cruiser we saw kudu, zebra and blue wildebeest. The children were enchanted by a two-kilo tortoise with asparagus-tip feet. A ranger walked us through dense green thickets until we caught sight of a family of giraffe in the clearing beyond. In Kruger Park, lion see a Land Cruiser and its passengers as a single threatening object. But stand up or leave

SOUTH AFRICA FACT FILE

Tim Best Travel, 68 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 3LQ (017)-591 0300) will tailor packages to include flights and all ground arrangements throughout Africa. The trip described in this article cost £10,696.50 for four adults and five children for 26 days at 1995-96 prices.

The author flew with British Airways to Johannesburg, Cape Town flights book up more quickly for Christmas. They also flew one-way from Cape Town to Jo burg on their way home, which cost

1996 prices up to Dec 9, then after) for London-Jo burg-London (adult return). Virgin: £830 then £987. BA: £830 then £987. Air Portugal: £590 then Children pay 67 per cent

of the above prices, infants

Transkaroo Express: One-way Joburg to Cape Town (Wagon Lit): Adult: E49: Child: E24.50.

 Accommodation: Matumbi Game Lodge B&B: £38 per adult per night; child £19 (PO Box 57, Klasserie 1381 Tet: 00 27 1528 31518). Safari Lodge B&B: £29 per adult per night; child £14.50. Tanda Tula Bush Camp, Kruger National Park: £210 per person per night, fully inclusive. Old Drift Forest Lodges: £110 per night for two adults and three children, extra children charged at £10 per night. Each lodge sleeps between four and five

Weather: Christmas is South Africa's summer holiday. Sunshine and rain, heat and cold alternate with bewildering frequency. The burn time is down to 15 minutes on a hot (30C) day. Expect a mixture of storm and

Medication: Northern Transvaal is malarial.



Of all animal species to be seen in game parks, lions are surely the most awesome

Malaria pills need to be holiday begins. Hepatitis B and Teranus jabs are recommended. See your GP for advice.

Other information: Food, fuel and activities cost 40-70 per cent of UK prices. Car hire costs £55 per day for a Toyota Corolla, fully inclusive via Avis. An

International Driving Licence is required (AA shops sell them). South African Tourist Board 24-hr brochure request line: 0541 550044

ma, vineyards and the city nightlife of Cape Town are separated by a mere hour's

We ate Christmas lunch at a house in Llandudno, the Cap d'Antibes of Cape Town. where pale mansions are badged with promises of armed response. We tried to that it was not pretend On Boxing Day morning,

clear skies beckoned us to the top of the town for an assault on Table Mountain. What

looked like a quick stroll turned into three hours of grueiling ascent. Exhausted children, goaded upwards by promises of cold drinks and chocolate, wept and complained. Fit to weep ourselves, we told them that, as in life generally, sometimes you just have to go on.

At the peak their endurance was rewarded by the sight of mountain rabbits, a short queue for the cable-car and a stupid argument among the supposed grown-ups. Young Natasha bought a jar of rabbit urine, alleged to harbour medicinal properties, and offered it to the disaffected adults.

Our differences settled and encouraged by the outdoor triumph of Boxing Day, we planned a trek for New Year's Eve. In nearby Botrivier, alarmingly frisky horses conveyed us to a creek where children swam while adults barbecued supper over an open fire.

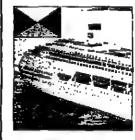
The return home, after dark. spiralled into nightmare. A pony-trap carrying the youngest children was overturned by its panicked driver. Ner-vous riders unsettled horses which began to buck, back off and wheel out of control. My wife was kicked, full force, on the arm she raised to protect our daughter's head. As midnight signalled the birth of the New Year, we were racing to a

espital for X-rays. That night ride was our final brush with danger. We were feeling grateful, as we flew out of Cape Town, to be returning home with no permanent injuries. Safe on the ground in London, we concluded that the holiday, like its risks, had been well worth

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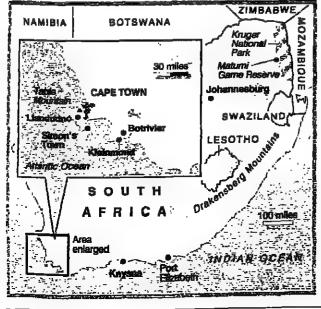
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on, the nearest lion tensed and the vehicle and you become a roared. The ranger floored the accelerator and we surged target. We edged along a lane through the bush, passing pairs of lion dozing in the sun.

away, adrenalin pumping. We turned a corner and the Seeing game in the wild and at close quarters is magnifi-cent, humbling and terrifying. ranger stopped the vehicle. whispering for us to be still. Ten feet away a young lion After that first day in the bush, licked his chops. Make that read the following lines of two lions - or four, rather. Rilke's: "We, only, can see After a minute we could see a death; the free animal/ has its pride of 16, all within munchdecline behind it, forever/ and ing range of our children. At God before, and when it whir of a camera's windmoves, it moves/ already in ternity, like a fountain".

Our sighting of the lions beat even the cheap thrill of riding a trained ostrich bareback or stroking tame chee-tahs (both of which we did). The more you risk, the more of Africa you experience.

After toasting a heartwrenching sunset over the Drakensberg mountains, we boarded the Trans-Karoo express for a 25-hour trundle, without air conditioning. across a desert and two mounrain ranges. The stars filled a broad sky as we conversed with bigots ("Mandela? All he does is fly around the world shaking hands while the blacks get free utilities. And what about the wife?") and witnessed the overflow of a knife-fight from third class. The next afternoon we drove

east along the Garden Route

from Cape Town. The weather systems on the Cape are so localised that you can travel through storm and shine as you speed from one bay to the next. Our 36-hour dash across country ended in Knysna, a town of wood-framed houses built on a lagoon which drains, via a channel flanked by two massive headlands, into the Indian Ocean.

were booked

into the Old Drift Forest Lodges described with justifiable pride by their proprietor as "Heaven on Earth". Arriving in darkness, we awoke next morning to the sight of a red river and the tide running out over rocks. The seven forest lodges are set far apart in a wilderness where birds nest and silence reigns. Knysna lagoon cruises are to be avoided unless you fancy a geriatric crooner recycling. from behind his Hammond organ, a litany of birthday greetings and bonhomous mumbo-jumbo.

Instead, book early for the forest lodges and paddle in a canoe across water red from the bauxite hills through which it flows. Swim from a crescent of river-beach, surrounded by the deep stillness of African wilderness and relax as children try to drown each other in relative safety.

Kleinmond, 80 kilometres east of Cape Town, is a collection of bungalows in which the rotten fences of apartheid are poorly concealed under the bunting of democracy. Its houses can be rented for a third of Cape Town prices. Our large seafront villa boasted table tennis and snooker but the kitchen was a disgrace. The place was crummy, yet

it served as a base — and the money saved during ten days in Kleinmond paid for the earlier weeks in Knysna and Kruger. Kleinmond nature reserve is a beautiful area of wilderness surrounding a warm, shallow lagoon where the girls splashed and paddled all day. When the tide goes out, half-draining the lagoon. the exposed sand steams up a mist which the ferocious sun soon burns off.

Rain in Kleinmond prompted my wife's battle-cry -- "dial freephone Hilton" - and forced our flexible friend to put us up in a Cape Town hotel for three days. If you like to stay in one area for your holiday, choose the Cape, where wild penguins (at Simon's Town), surfing beaches, an Imax cine-



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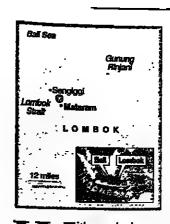
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Indonesia: Spectacular sunsets on the island of Lombok — but watch out for monkey pickpockets...



ith apologies to Bali-lovers, who have long sought to keep it to themselves, it is time to let the rest of the world in on an increasingly open secret: the delights of the lush tropical island of Lombok, just a 20-minute hop by air from Denpasar.

It's more than worth the extra effort, and a few extra days on to your holiday, to escape the mainland bustle for remoter charms that cannot, unfortunately, long remain so comparatively unspoilt.

Just to the east of Bali, across the Lombok strait, this lively volcanic island, about 40 miles wide by 50 long, has for some time been a mecca for backpackers, who rent motor scooters and take their chances on its few dusty, bustling roads.

Since the relatively recent arrival of Sheraton and other swish hotel chains, however, it can now cater for the most sophisticated world travellers in the style to which they are accustomed. As a result, Lombok has seen its tourist visitors grow to about a quarter of a million a year since it first started tempting them across from an increasingly crowded Bali in 1990.

The island's two million people, an unusual combination of Muslim-Sasak and Hindu-Balinese, open their arms and their homes to visitors, sharing the simplicity of their traditional way of life in village tours more authentic than most in that part of the

You soon get used to the clutches of sweet-faced, rupia-hungry children who swarm around you in helpless giggles as you are explore their very basic community life, watching back-breaking production



Lombok has a rare attraction all its own, a happy place for children and adults alike — and one to which even the people of Bali cross for some peace and quiet. Many travellers would prefer to keep it a secret

Getaway isle for island lovers

lines endlessly producing pottery, hand-woven cloth and other ethnic fare at embarrassingly cheap prices. Hagging, of course, is the order of the day. Now adorning my kitchen table is a stylish, handpainted clay fruit bowl which cost me all of El.

For the hardier spirits, there is the arduous, but adventurous, two-and-a-half-mile trek through a tropical rainforest and on up Gunung Rinjani, the active volcano in the north

of the island, looking south towards a landscape of lush and fertile alluvial plains. A more accessible attraction is the nearby monkey park, where my backpacking son had his wallet pinched by a pickpocketing primate. For the price of a banana, the monkey nipped back up his tree and returned it.

ek For those intent primarily st on rest and relaxation, Lomii, bok offers all the usual aquatic th delights of Indonesia, including some of the best scubadiving in the region.

Rent one of those motorscooters, take your life in your hands, and you can explore an array of virgin beaches on the island's southern coast, beside which you can eat and drink your fill of tasty home cooking and rum punch for a handful of coins. Beach rooms are also available at barely a fiver a

mgm.

By night you can dine very cheaply and well, either with

your feet in the sand, or at a variety of ethnic restaurants in the island's endearingly rackety capital, Mataram, to which all roads lead.

Lombok nightlife is fairly basic, pretty much what you choose to make of it, as I discovered when I found myself swept off with a group of Euro-visitors to a nightclub called the Marina, where a few drinks emboldened us all to take turns onstage, belting out old-Beatles numbers with

the eager local disco band.
For those fond of their creature comforts, more content to spend their evenings dining in quiet style beneath the Indonesian stars, a cluster of personal pavilions where tired city muscles are destressed in the open air, to the caress of warm eastern breezes, by some of the most expert masseuses on earth.

upmarket Western-style hotels Lombok is the home of the berugak, which you now see has gathered around the dark volcanic sands of Lombok's dotted all over Indonesia, and main resort, Sengiggi Beach. the finger-cracking, toe-snapping, neck-creaking arts of the in the dry southwest of the locals are so beguiling that island, 20 minutes from the you'll find yourself content to believe their claim that masairport. Each offers the distinctive lure of the berugak, sage itself was also invented those uniquely pampering

here. The jewel in Lombok's crown is the Sheraton Sengiggi Resort, equally luxurious sibling of the two stylish Sheratons in Bali.

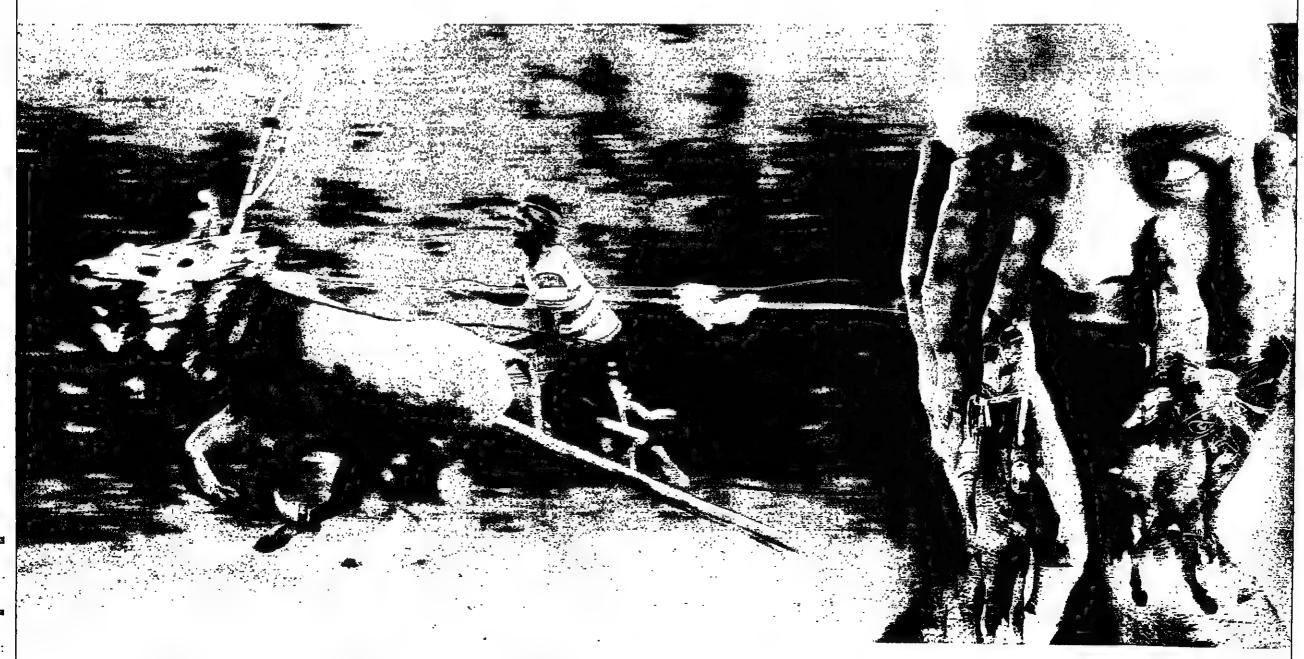
All 150 of the hotel's airconditioned rooms have balconies overlooking the Indian Ocean, whose warm embrace is but a few sandy steps from a huge and exotic pool, beside which a different genre of international cuisine is served at freeze each evening

al fresco each evening.

Before you leave the pool to change for dinner, however, be sure to try a Lombok Sunset in the swim-up bar. It's quite as spectacular and powerful as the real thing.

ANTHONY HOLDEN

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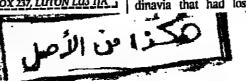
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Sights beyond the beaches

canoes and coral reefs, its extensive wildlife and the world's largest archipelago of about 17,000 islands spanning seven seas, and several civilisations, are attracting an in-creasing number of holidaymakers prepared to venture beyond Bali's beaches. Tours with a difference include:

THE SPICE ISLANDS: Until mid-November, seven or eight-day voyages on the Spice Islander leave Bali every week for the islands of Nusa and Tenggara, visiting Lombok, Flores, Komodo, Sumbawa - where the last slaves were freed only in 1959 - as far as West Timor, where Captain Bligh lived after the mutiny. Prices are from £1,879 (excluding international flights) from Asia World Travel (01932 820050), which can ailor-make individual tours.

TRIBES, TEMPLES AND LONGHOUSES: Explore Worldwide (01252 319448) offers a 17-day escorted expedition with a week in northern Sumatra, travelling through rainforests to Lake Toba, to visit the Toba Batak tribe and their strange Batak long-houses with roofs shaped like horns of cattle. The second week includes a flight to Sulawesi, home of the seafaring Buginese traders, exploring Lake Tempe by longtail boat, then moving on to the highlands of Tana Toraja. where effigies are built into the steep cliffs. The cost of £1.595 includes flights and B&B accommodation.

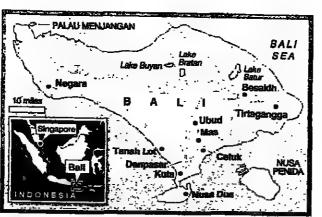
TORAJALAND: Many of Indonesia's highlights are included in the !5-day escorted journey to Torajaland from Bales Tours (01306 88 5923) in which holidaymakers travel through Java to the great 8thcentury Buddhist Temple of Borobodur, climb Mount Bromo volcano on horseback, stay in Bali's artistic centre, Ubud, and then fly to Sulawesi to see the city port of Ujung Pandun and explore Torajaland. The cost of £1,580 includes all flights, some meals, accommodation and

CRUISE: A three-night cruise (from £368 for full board but excluding flights) on the 4.00tonne Bali Sea Dancer is available year round from Holidays (01787 884031). Highlights are Lombok, the island of Badas, and Komodo, home of the 3,000 "dragons" - the primevallooking, fork-tongued lizards that can devour a wild boar.

BALI BY BIKE: A 15-day exploration of Bali by bicycle. offered by Imaginative Traveller (0181-742 8612), reaches the remote east coast, where tourists rarely venture. The tour costs £540 (excluding international air fares), which covers guesthouse accommodation, cycle hire, vehicle support and a guide.

JILL CRAWSHAW

Where the gods go on holiday



ors reached Bali's tropical shores in 1597 they mutined and refused to leave. Many followed, seeking a spell of paradise on earth. The golden sands and swaying palms have since been packaged from the fashionable fat cats' Nusa Dua to the crass commercialism of Kuta, with its fun-in-the-sun clubs and cocktail bars, where it is easy to feel that Bali, island of the gods, is paradise lost.

To appreciate the beauty of the island, turn away from the sea. The Balinese believe it harbours evil spirits and so look to the interior.

spiritual and cul-Bali. I headed first to Besakih, the temple perched canic mountain this land. Practis-Hinduism, the Balinese devote hours and festivals. It is impossible

not to stumble across processions of women clothed flowers to blackthatched shrines. Warm perfumed nìghts. bright with torches, clamour with the beat of temple of cymbals.

Commercialism around temples can be intrusive: early evening at Besakih is peaceful, as most travellers have left and the hawkers are packing up: but at Tanah Lot, where tourists bristling with camcorders arrive to film the spectacular sunset, hawkers Lake Batur, whose waters lap

ply their wares energetically. The Balinese venerate their gods in painting, sculpture, music and dance. Ubud. deep in the fertile lowlands, is the cultural heartland of Bali. Galleries and shops crammed with carvings, silver jewellery and batik crowd the streets. It is a good idea to travel to Ubud via the craft centres of Batubulan. Celuk and Mas to see silversmiths and artisans at work, although prices seem higher here. When buying a painting, seek out and deal directly with the artist. You are expected to bargain for every-

thing and negotiations are good-humoured. Many visit Ubud simply to watch the troupes of graceful Balinese dancers who perform for tourists. Unfortunately, the tourist industry of Bali tends to sell culture too hard — tickets for cremations are perhaps the worst example.

Most Balinese, however, are friendly and hospitable and are quite likely to invite visitors to family ceremonies tooth-fillings, weddings and funerals, or to temple ceremonies where the music and dance are inspired by the spirit of a real occasion. Before sliding into cultural

overload, hire a bicycle in Ubud and pedal away from it all through paddy fields of emerald green women thresh sheaves of rice and shepherds bring their broods to paddle and feed. Stop in villages to eat sweetmeats in warungs or food stalls, and drink coconut water from the freshly cut green fruit.

To explore further affeld, hire a Jeep in Kuta where competition is strong. Bemos, the public minibuses crowded with local people and market produce, lose their charm over long distances. There shuttle buses to areas of interest.

Women fruit at thatched shrines'

shores of frozen lava. Row across to Kuban where the Bali Aga people lay out their dead to decompose, or stagger up the crusty sides of the inner, dormant volcano. From the north coast it is possible to return south via Lake Bratan, with its waterskiing and parasailing facilities.

Overlooking the serene waters is an international standard golf course. Or head west along the shores of Lake Buyan through coffee plantations, orange groves and hot water springs. West Bali is a mountainous land of dense jungle accessible by a coastal road. Just off the northwest tip lies Palau Menjangan, or Deer Island, with spectacular coral and excellent snorkelling and scuba diving.

Accommodation in Bali ranges from smart southern resort luxury to simple losmen, family-run bungalows, often built in traditional Balinese style enclosed in a walled garden. In rural spots such as Tirtagangga, a water garden of ornamental pools high in the shimmering rice

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could be the only option. Be warned that most families have a cockerel whose daybreak serenade may be considered damaging to health. Compensate with a visit to the market. Follow the multitudes swept into market towns from surrounding hamlets on a tide of tropical fruit, cages of turtle doves and rabbits. The Balinese do business in a psychedelic scene of pungent herbs and spices, hardware and footware, under bright

If you need a sandy shore, fly or take a boat to Senggigi Beach on the island of Lombok, or continue to Gili Air, one of three coral-fringed islands off its coast. As I rocked gently in a hammock outside my palm-thatched hut, a battered copy of Treasure Island discarded by my side, (who needs fiction?), I sipped a sundowner and pondered: which desert island discs should I have packed?

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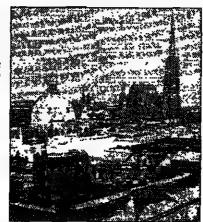
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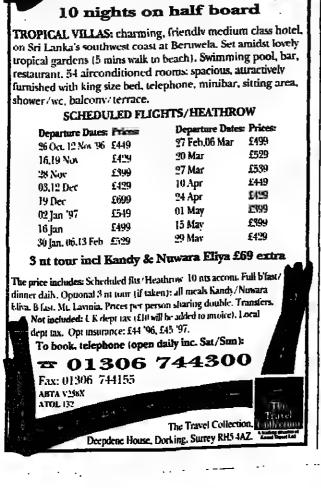
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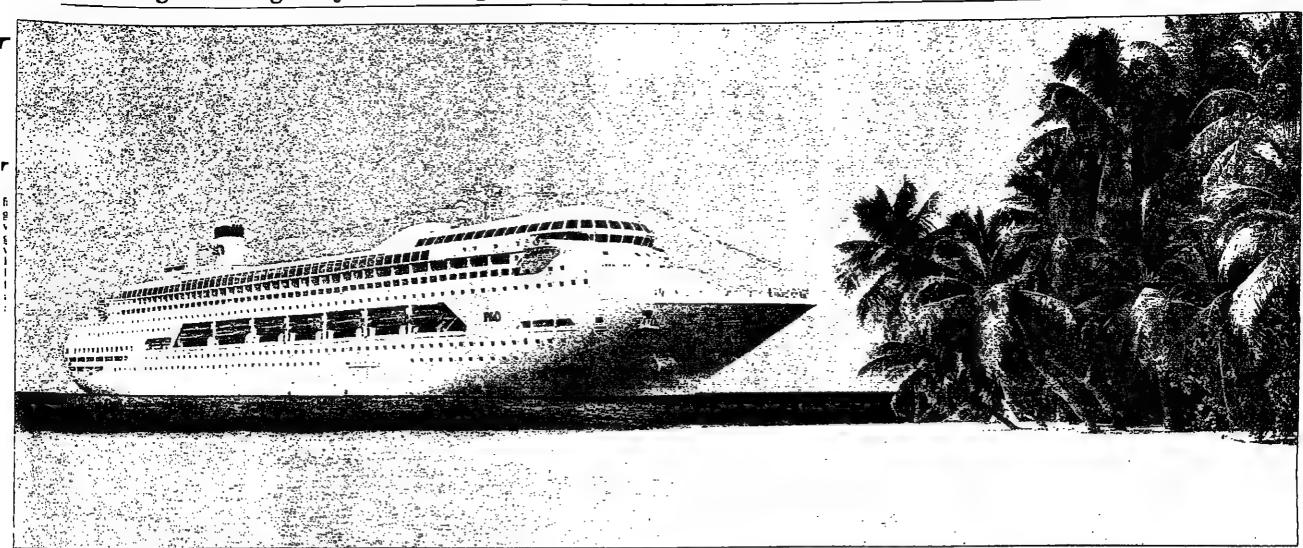
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Miami by Virgin and stayed overnight in the Sofitel Hotel (all this included in the cruise fure). We woke to the splash of water in the hotel's open-air pool, and the sun blazing in the sky. There were even some classic American birds grackles and mockingbirds in the horel garden. By coach on to Port Everglades, and by lunchtime we were aboard the Crown Princess, our luggage already waiting for us in our

We grew very fond of that cabin. It had sensitive air conditioning and we kept it in a state of perfect coolness, day and night, throughout our ten days on board. It also had a balcony with a table and chairs, where one could sit looking out over hundreds of miles of sea without a soul in sight. This was important when there were 1.600 fellowcruisers on board. Our steward. Nelson, was a charming Portuguese whose speciality was laying out our pyjamas in ever more intricate patterns (and our shoes in pyramids) while we were having dinner.

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balcony to the brown pelicans "cannonballs, meatballs and that were circling over the harbour. In the morning, in the same brilliant sunshine that was to accompany our voyage all through, we were at anchor off Nassau in the Bahamas.

This was the first of seven ports of call on our cruise seven islands, all very different. which we drove around either in sleek vans, battered taxis or open-sided buses. In Nassau we had a jovial and confident guide who talked like a Methodist minister and told us that all the British had brought to the Bahamas were screwballs". He showed us everything in the town, from the 18th-century fort to the residence where the Windsors lived, ending up at some lush gardens where flamingos performed for us.

The flock of long-legged pink birds swept into the ring like a ballet troupe, then seemed to prance to and fro simply at the word of their trainer. In fact, I think he was eleverly moving himself about so they were always trying to run away. But it was a dashing performance, and afterwards everyone photo-



Waterfall in Moine Trois Pitons National Park, Dominica

graphed themselves with the flamingos. Other passengers went swimming or snorkelling among the coral reefs. A day's sailing southwards

brought us to St Thomas in the American Virgin Islands. Waking up in the harhour of Charlotte Amalie brought a new pleasure - the sight of two magnificent frigate birds gliding overhead. These are amazing creatures, the size of a swan but glossy brown with a very long, forked tail. St Thomas is a more rugged island, and was also the first of the shopping islands on our route. Stores on the augustide glittered with diamonds, emeraids, watches and cameras.

Guadeloupe offered rural pleasures, including a clanking water mill where we watched sugar cane being fed in by hand as it had been for almost 200 years. At the end of our tour of the island, drinking rum punch in the garden

of a seaside hotel, I saw my first bananaquits — little goldand-black birds that feed on neciar from flowers.

> arbados was perhaps the most enjoyable island, with a highly cultivated landscape and islanders who were prosperous and cheerful. The high point of our visit here was a beautiful 18th-century plantation house with hummingbirds in the garden and a French châtelaine who gave us her recipe for rum punch as she served it: "One sour, two sweet. three strong, four weak" - i.e. lemon, sugar, rum and water in that order

and those proportions. Now we had a day's sailing north again, with nothing to distract us from the sun, tOn every other day, of course, there was also plenty of time for sunbathing since the trios



haze of peace and luxury. We were roused from our happy

slumbers again at Dominica.

where we clambered up rug-

ged paths to see a great

waterfall, and at St Maarten,

another shopping island where you step into the shacks

along the high street to find

yourself in exquisite Bond

and you can go ashore by

motor-boat for a final swim

and barbecue. For my own

part I had an excellent final

session of bird-watching there.

with royal terns lining a rocky

So back to Miami, with a

drive around the city and

lunch in a hotel, and our bags

taken care of, until we set off

stretch of beach.

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hours.) Everything ran beautifully smoothly aboard, in the hands of our genial Italian captain and our merry Eng-

On the lido deck, you could swim in the pool or lie on sunbeds while waiters passed with Cokes and rum daiquiris. Even here, there was privacy you could lie or read quietly among crowds of jolly Ameri-can bathers and no one would disturb you. One night I even sat on deck in the dusk drinking a bourbon quite alone, with a silver moon lying on its back above me, while the first dinner-sitting are and the

second bathed and changed. In fact, the only people you really had to talk to at all were your regular dinner companions. Luckily, we had good company - two Scots couples and a Yorkshire pair, all of them ironists and wits. You can eat breakfast and lunch formally in the dining room as well, if you want to, but the ship is littered with pasta bars. self-service restaurants and cales which you can go to instead, and where everything you consume apart from alcohol is included in the fare.

There are also optional entertainments, from excellent fitness classes ("Thighs, burns and turns" very popular) to cornedy shows, midnight dances and feasts, and "How to make a carnation out of a

Much of the time passed in a

DEPARTURES

Association is about to launch October's "Cruise Month 96". The promotion will include competitions, special discounts and a free Choose to Cruise" bookle aimed at first-timers, available from PSA, Walmar House 288-300 Regent St. London WIN 5HE.

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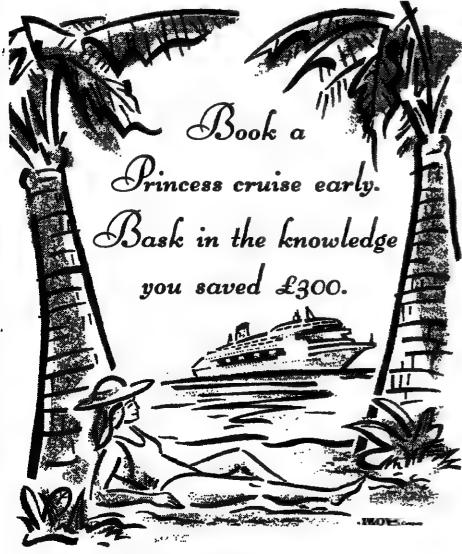
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DETAILS of 29 fully bonded skiing operators are listed in the Association of British Tour Operators (AITO) Ski Directory, available free by phoning 0181-607 9080. AITO operators carry 15 per cent of the estimated 750,000 British skiers, of which 25 per cent head for France, 24 per cent for Austria, 20 per cent Italy, Bulgaria and North America 9 per cent each, and 3 per cent

The directory offers a choice of 178 resorts in 16 countries, with Harrachov in the Czech Republic and Big White in Canada among the new re-cruits. Prices range from £152 in France to £4.155 in Chile. both for a week's self catering.

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A two-week trip there next Easter is being organised by the environmental charity the Field Studies Council Over-seas (01743 850522), with lectures, treks and photography advice. The price of £1,990 (approx) includes all flights. accommodation in simple but comfortable log cabins, meals and transport up-river by motorised dugout.

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New year bash

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Seven Mile Beach sensible solution. Those without the stamina and seriousmindedness required for shopping can be sent to the Musee Carnavalet, the Musee Picasso or Victor Hugo's house. The warring sides can meet in cafés in between: the museum-goers enriched, the shoppers impoverished.

means marsh - is swamped with tourists at weekends, so weekdays are preferable. Nowadays the place is gentrified like New York's SoHo — Establishment trendy while the Bastille and Oberkampf are edgily trendy. It's hard to tear yourself away from the However this does ensure smart bars and restaurants, seclusion and splendour of Seven Mile Beach and shops to succour any with its powder white sand lapped by a fashion victim.

Marais should encompass the But the temptation of the world's best old Jewish Rue des Rosiers. 12ft. dive. where you can swim with the the modish Rue des Francs-Bourgeois and the Place des friendly stingrays at Stingray City, may prove Vosges, while including tantoo great. As may the two championship golf gential sniffs round the side courses or our exotic Botanic Park. streets nearby. The Marais includes some of the finest In this friendly British Crown Colony in hôtels particuliers - walled mansions with the grandest possible architecture. The French put a preservation

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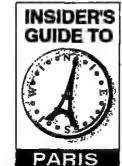
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through barred gates on the Rue des Francs-Bourgeois, hen Paris visitors are irrevocably divided between showing the courtyard, arches and box hedges. The building culture and comthe Marais is the houses the museum of Paris history and is particularly good on the Revolution and

A few streets north is the Musée Picasso in the Hôtel Sale, another wonderful old mansion with wrought ironwork by Giacometti. Paris



acquired much of Picasso's personal collection in lieu of death taxes and the museum charts each phase of his development, yet is small enough to be tackled in an hour. The sculpture, ceramics and temporary exhibitions of photographs or Picasso's doodles

are an added delight. order on the Marais in 1962, so The jewel of the Marais is the Place des Vosges, a perfect bling old apartment buildings 1612 square of cream stone and in the narrow streets. Every red brick houses on an arcade. entrance that looks faintly all overlooking the immacu-lately pollarded park. A stop is open should be explored — sometimes the best glimpses of required here on the park buildings are from the private benches or at the corner caté, Ma Bourgogne, which has heaters above the tables in Musée Carnavalet was built in winter so that terrace life can 1544 and can be viewed continue. In the south-western

corner of the square is the Musée Victor Hugo, worth visiting even for those who loathe the author of Les Misérables. The views from Hugo's old apartment over the Place des Vosges are stunning. The typical family apartment is spacious, with panelled rooms drenched in sunlight. The house is miserably signposted and only the second and third floors are open to the public.

One odd charm of the apartment — although stuffie complain — is that it overlooks the local primary school playground. During the mid-after noon break, between 3pm and 3.30pm, the shouts of (wellbehaved) children fracture the air of the museum. Hugo's photos, sketches and watercolours are on display. along with posters for his novels: "The complete works: 25 centimes per volume". Going back along the Rue

des Rosiers, a bastion of Jewish tradition among the encroaching trendiness, it is important to sample the falafel and delicious breads. Sacha Finkelsztajn's delicatessen is renowned for its cheesecake and pastries. The moustached proprietor forced me to taste 12 dips before I selected three - a caviar of red peppers, another of aubergines and an exquisite taramasalata with dill — to go with my poppyseed bagels.

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by Raymond Keene

has become a major highway, both for the dissemination of chess knowledge and for playing the game. Earlier this year, when Garry Kasparov played against IBM's Deep Blue computer, the moves of game six, the decisive victory which clinched the match in Kasparov's favour, were accessed an extraordinary five million times by Internet devotees

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Now Anatoly Karpov, Kasparov's great rival, has sought to go one better, by challenging the world to a game via the Internet. The match was sponsored by Finnish Telecom, and Karpov played from Helsinki against his massed ream of global challengers. A computer program selected the most popular move proposed by Karpov's opponents.

> White: Internet Players Black: Anatoly Karpov August 1996 Caro-Kann Defence

e4 p6 2 d4 d5 Even in an exhibition match. Karpov stays true to his quiet Caro-Kann Defence, a defensive weapon which has stood him in good stead in official matches.

This loses time. More aggressive is o Nxfo+ Nxfo 7 Ne5.

Bd3 8g4 After this move Black has easily solved all the problems connected with the opening.

c3 e6 10 0-0 Be7 h3 Bh5 12 B14 0-0 Re1 Qb6 14 Rb1 Black already has a slight initiative

based on his pin against White's knight and his pressure against White's pawn on b2. The white players probably rejected 14 Qe2 on account of 14 ... Bxt3 i5 Qxf3 Qxb2 but there would at least have been some scope for complication after 16 Rabl since 16 ... Qxc3 fails to the neat coup 17 Bxh7+.

White's supine play has invited this. Despite the series of ex-

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game

Cochrane - Staunton, London 1842.

In this simplified position White

probably felt secure from snan

checkmates but Howard Staunton.

the only British player who could

lay claim to being world champion.

swiftly proved otherwise. Black to

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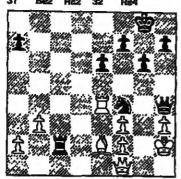
play.

IN THE PAST year, the Internet initiative and now forces a serious weakness in White's kingside

> 19 Bc4 Bxf3 20 gxf3 Unpleasant, but all other moves lose material. Qg5+ 21

Rg1 g6 23 Kh1 Qh4 25 After a momentary hesitation Karpuv now finds the right plan. targeting White's weak square 14. Rocal 1 Nh5 27 Rd4 N14 Off Rc8 29 h3

If 29 Bb3 Black wins by playing 29 . Res and then transferring it either to g5 or h5 with a decisive



32 . . . Rel White resigns. Black's breakthrough in the c-file, engineered by 29 ... b5 has permit-ted this elegant final stab. After 33 Qxcl White's queen is deflected from the king's defence so Black can mate in two with either 33 ... Qxf2+ or 33 ... Qxh3+.

Internet Magazine Chess is booming on the Internet, and it is now possible to arrange a game around the world at more or less any time of the day or night. Irish chess international Tim Harding is now producing a magazine which gives detailed information about such possibilities. It is called Chess Mail and a free copy can be obtained by writing to: Chess Mail Ltd. 26 Coolamber Park. Dublin 16, Ireland, or sending e-mail to

tharding@homenet.ie. The Times daily chess column can be accessed on The Times website, the details of which are given changes. Black has maintained his on the front page of the paper.

Last week's winners: C R Pendleton

Solihull, West Midlands; D Grant, Winchester, Hampshire; M Day, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire.

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Even in old age Noel and Liam failed to resolve their differences

The winning caption for last week's cartoon (above) was submitted by C. McCormack of Wilmslow, Cheshire

WORD-WATCHING

a. A breed of monkey

c. A card game

a. A trochaic meter b. Of an island

c. A cut of beef

b. A pungent herb c. Reflexive personal pronoun

VOTIC a. To do with orisons

c. A language

By Philip Howard SIM-SIM

b. Sesame

TROBRIAND

SEMEME a. Meaning

b. An involuntary twitch

BRIDGE

by Robert Sheehan

TO BE successful at bridge you extra tricks for the defence is must never give up. Today's dehearts. So you return a heart at fence is a good example. East was the American expert Chuck Burger (no BSE jokes please), playing in the quarter-finals of the Grand dummy's king of spades. Are you National Teams. He was defending ready? This was the full deal: Four Spades after this sequence (North dealer):

South's Two Spades showed a sixcard suit, but was weak and nonforcing (a common American method). West led the two of •K102 diamonds and this is what Burger could see:

> *KQ9 ***AJ84** #AKJ83 N +QJ8 W. E PAJ4 +Q753

Declarer played low from dummy on the diamond: Burger put up the queen, which held the trick. Plan the defence before reading on.

Prospects look bleak. You can see that if you defend passively, declarer will make ten tricks. Even if all he has is Axxxx of spades he will be bound to make five tricks in spades. He has three more with the ace of diamonds and ace and king of clubs. He can set up a heart; and when he ruffs a diamond there will be an extra trick in that suit (your partner being marked with an imitial holding of Kxx from the play to the first trick). The only source of

dummy's king of spades. Are you Deeler North

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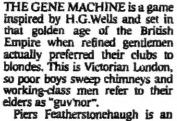
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After finding the switch to a low heart at trick two. Burger continued by unblocking the queen of spades under the king. Declarer crossed to hand by playing the ace of diamonds and ruffing a diamond. When he laid down the ace

of spades Burger dropped the jack. Declarer needed trumps to be 3-3 to have any chance. Though be could have succeeded by playing for 3-3 clubs with the queen well placed, it seemed a better chance to hope Burger had started with QJ10 of spades. So he led a third trump. When West turned up with the ten he continued hearts, and East took two tricks in the suit for one down.

Notice that Burger had to defend exactly as he did to give the defence a chance.

COMPUTER CAMES AND PASSIBLES by Tim Wapshott



Piers Featherstonehaugh is an explorer. In the main he is charming but he does foster an unpleasant disregard for his long-suffering manservant, Mossop. When a talking cat calls at their palatial London abode. Piers and Mossop quickly find themselves on an epic mission to save the Empire singlehanded. They must hire a steamship and set off in search of the lost city of Atlantis -after solving the first of many puzzles to find backers in London for their impromptu expedition.

Travelling around the capital in horse-drawn carriage, Piers and servant pay calls on Queen Victoria at Buckingham Palace, the idle rich at the Highborn Club on Piccadilly. and various scoundrels scurrying around the East End slums in Whitechapel, recently voted the place "least likely to host the Great Exhibition of 1851". There are more than 100 hand-painted backdrops

in The Gene Machine, a DOS game on CD-Rom published by Vik Tokai, which are in turn overlaid with animated characters or triggered animation sequences which move the plot along. Both styles of animation are of limited sophistication and have all the lip-sync production values of a dubbed German TV cop series. However, the voice characterisations by Sean Pertwee, Jeff Rawle and others are unusually good, lending the experience the feel of a good

but helpings of humour make up for these: one of the books in Piers' study is Train Your Manservant The Woodhouse Way, while a Vaudeville Theatre bill pasted near St Paul's

Some parts tend to drag

Radio 4 drama.

Cathedral advertises a run by George Burns, the comedian who was 100 when he died earlier this year. The genteel title is enchanting, the adventure is riveting and most of the inventions, such as steam-fish and steam-rockets, are riveted. There is also an H.G.Wellian feel to the dials and gauges of the status panel used in



The Gene Machine has the atmosphere of a rather good Radio 4 drama

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(Oct 2). Initially ten readers will

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- 8 Book checker (7)
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- 17 Long heroic poem (4) 18 US state; its beetle a potato pest (8)

- 7 A country: lacquer (5) 10 Opening in roof (8) 11 Molten rock from volcano

- 21 Result (7) 22 Recede, get milder (5)

SOLUTION TO NO 898

23 Sherlock Holmes's hat (11)

- 1 Show appreciation by eating (meal) (2.7.2) 2 Cold: nimble (5)
- 3 Having real existence (8) 4 - Christie, Poirot creatur
- 5 Reverse (effects of) (4) 6 Women's team game (7) 9 Off the peg (5-2-4)
- 12 Extensive view (8) 14 Pompous, unfluent (7) 16 is envious of (b) 19 Taken -: disconcerted (5)
- 20 Catholic leader (4)

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6 Hymn

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- One starts to be sick once lethal virus endeavours to finish anyone off (7) Cirls who knit will have time getting endlessly
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- 32 Deity's power has one feasible idea (4) 33 Guiless hen's never dismembered (4) 34 Travel with energy, Earth God having renounced

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- Full-flavoured drink, Kirsch, taken without water? Jock's not mistaken (5) Eking out the cotton wool except when the wife's
- away (6) Substance found in bird refuse made an impression ls cooked lightly - starter of rolls, scrambled eggs and rashers (4) A timber tree crossing Northern American city (7)
- Japanese sauce made from fish stuffed with endless grapeskins (6) DOWN
- Inside ungulate look for Shakespeare's virtuous quail (6) American writer with a shilling in his shoe endeavours to do what he did (7) Go down in expectation of Northern skinhead
- starting violent assaults (6) Be concerned during the second stages (6) Behave normally, rejecting popular singer, half-cut for the time being (6) Fails to keep faith with Cehic maybe, having English
- as second language (not Latin) (7) Canes miserable specimen — that's the answer (6) John King is to see to it (4) Flower provides drug with low alcoholic content (5) Lie about gains in dietary roughage (5)
- What can it mean? Stop experimenting with internal 19 transfer (5) Badge succeeds: 'very trendy' — H Smith (5) Indian missionary's sheer murder in the army (7) With which to ward off infection caught by
- nobleman from Oporto (6) Spiders in Canadian province taking ages to get around Labrador (7) Shield falling from heaven puts one in clean spin (6) Run-ins from giving bone to impulsive dog without
- hesitation (6) Ordinal for the origination of tuneful hymn in ritual devotions (5) Rogue, say, may be caught by this fly Hindu with a
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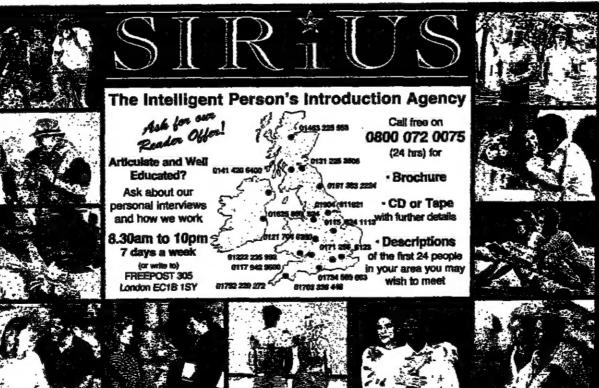
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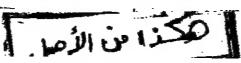
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